

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PLAN REPORT 2014/15

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Panel is asked to note and consider the updated work plan report for 2014/2015.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to:
 - i. Note the updated work plan for 2014/15 at Appendix A.
 - ii. Consider the minutes of the Loneliness spotlight review.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy. The Overview and Scrutiny of health is an important part of the Government's commitment to place patients at the centre of health services. It is a fundamental way by which democratically elected community leaders may voice the views of their constituents and require local NHS bodies to listen and respond. In this way, local authorities can assist to reduce health inequalities and promote and support health improvement. The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel have been designated as having responsibility of carrying out the health scrutiny function.

BACKGROUND

5. Overview and Scrutiny has a number of key roles which focus on:
- Holding decision makers to account
 - Policy development and review
 - Monitoring performance (both financial and non-financial)
 - Considering issues of wider public concern.

Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Workplan Update

6. Attached for the Panel's consideration at Appendix A is the updated work plan report. Any further updates since the publication of this report will be provided to the Panel at the meeting.

Loneliness Spotlight Review

7. Attached at appendix B are the minutes of the Panel's meeting held in January when Members considered Loneliness. Members will receive a copy of the draft recommendations separately, prior to the meeting for consideration and ratification.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Committee to develop a work plan for 2014/15.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

9. This report provides the committee with an opportunity to develop a work plan for 2014/15.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

	Priority	Implications
1.	<p>We will support a strong economy where businesses can locate, grow and employ local people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy through robust recommendations, monitoring performance of council and external partners services and reviewing issues outside the remit of the council that have an impact</p>
2.	<p>We will help people to live safe,</p>	

	<p>healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	on the residents of the borough.
3.	<p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
4.	<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	
5.	<p>We will deliver modern value for money services.</p>	
6.	<p>We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.</p>	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

10. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function it is important that the work plan devised is manageable and that it accurately reflects the broad range of issues within its remit. Failure to achieve this can reduce the overall impact of the function.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by the Full Council, or the Executive and any timetables laid down by those references Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will determine its own Work Programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6a).
12. Specific legal implications and advice will be given with any reports when Overview and Scrutiny have received them as items for consideration.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

13. This report provides an overview on the work programme undertaken by Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2014/15 is not affected by this report however, the delivery of the work plan will need to take place within agreed budgets. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. Any financial implications relating to specific reports on the work plan will be included in those reports.

CONSULTATION

15. The work plan has been developed in consultation with Members and officers.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. None

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