

**HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
WORK PLAN REPORT 2015/16**

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Pat Knight – Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Panel is asked to note and consider the updated work plan report for 2015/2016.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to:
 - i. Note the agreed Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny work plan for 2014/15 in Appendix A.
 - ii. Note that the work plan is a living document and will be reviewed and updated at each meeting of the Panel to include any relevant correspondence, updates, new issues and resources available to meet additional requests;
 - iii. Note the appointment of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel’s representative on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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.

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Workplan Update

6. Attached for the Panel's consideration at Appendix A is the work plan report. This workplan takes account of issues considered at the informal Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny work planning meeting held on the 5th June 2015 and was agreed by formal OSMC on the 25th June 2015. Any further updates since the publication of this report will be provided to the Panel at the meeting.

Monitoring the Work Programme

7. An updated version of the work plan will be regularly presented to the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel for consideration and this will include copies of correspondence and briefings in relation to recommendations resulting from Scrutiny Panel reviews and meetings. In this way, Members will be able to see more clearly the progress and impact being made. The work of OSMC and the Panels will be reported annually to full Council and the progress of the standing Panels will be reported to OSMC and where appropriate to the Chairs and Vice Chairs Liaison Group.

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Representation

8. Since 2005, Doncaster has been signed up to a South Yorkshire Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol, enabling it to undertake joint health work with neighbouring local authorities. In 2009, a revised protocol was agreed in order to reflect issues concerning an increasingly wider geographical area.
9. To address these issues, a protocol was agreed by OSMC on the 11th March 2010 to enable 15 local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber region to undertake scrutiny work together. It provides a framework for any number of authorities (from two to 15) to meet, investigate an issue and make recommendations, taking the best elements from all the sub-regional protocols that are currently in existence.

10. Regarding representation onto the committee, please refer to extract below (Para 7.3 as taken from the ‘Protocol for the Yorkshire and the Humber Councils Joint Health Scrutiny Committee’ report that went to OSMC) which states: -

“In accordance with the above, a Joint Committee will be composed of Councillors drawn from Yorkshire and the Humber local authorities in the following terms:-

- where 9 or more Yorkshire and the Humber local authorities participate in a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – the Chair (or Chair’s representative) of each participating authority’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee responsible for health will become a member of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee;”

11. The Panel is asked to note the appointment of the Health and Adults Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel’s representative on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) which was agreed as Councillor Tony Revill at Council on the 22nd May 2015 whose appointment will be in place until the Annual Council Meeting in 2016.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

12. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Committee to develop a work plan for 2015/16.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

13. This report provides the Panel with an opportunity to develop a work plan for 2015/16.

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 on the residents of the borough.</p>
2.	<p>We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding</i> 	

	<p>our Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
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

14. 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

15. 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).
16. Specific legal implications and advice will be given with any reports when Overview and Scrutiny have received them as items for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2015/16 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.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

18. 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.

CONSULTATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

20. None

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