

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

| <b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>                                      | <b>Wards Affected</b> | <b>Key Decision</b> |
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| 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 consider and comment on the revised work plan attached at Appendix A;

**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 updated work plan report for the Panel's consideration.

### **Correspondence with the Executive**

7. Following a discussions around Direct Payments at the Panels meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, a letter was sent to the Executive which has been attached in Appendix B.

### **Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust**

8. Members will recall at the last meeting it was agreed that Wakefield Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertakes the ongoing monitoring of improvement actions against the CQC inspection report on behalf of Yorkshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees, with input from the Chairs of other local authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
9. The Yorkshire Ambulance Service held its Quality Summit on 18<sup>th</sup> August, from which a regional action plan was being developed, and will be considered at the first meeting of the Local Authority Scrutiny Chairs scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

### **Working Together – CCG's**

10. The Chair attended a meeting of the following CCG's and Local Authorities Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Doncaster, Hardwick, North Derbyshire, Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield. The meeting was arranged to introduce the Commissioning working Together Programme (a collaboration across the health services to consider how to improve health of communities), to Overview and Scrutiny at an early stage before formal public consultation was required. It was proposed that Hyper Acute Stroke Services would be the first issue for consideration.

11. The next step would be to develop joint Overview and Scrutiny arrangements with a formal request being forwarded to Chief Executives of each Council from the Working Together Programme. The Panel is asked to note that arrangements would need to be approved through each council's democratic process.

### OPTIONS CONSIDERED

12. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel 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

|    | Outcomes  | Implications  |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | <p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul> | <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>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>  |   |
| 3. | <p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>    |   |

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| 4. | All families thrive.<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul> |  |
| 5. | Council services are modern and value for money.   |  |
| 6. | Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.  |  |

## **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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**Health and Adult Social Care (H&ASC) Overview & Scrutiny Panel Workplan 2015/2016 & 2016/2017 – Fixed Panel Meetings**

| 2pm<br>29 <sup>th</sup> July 2015<br>Formal   | 10am<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2015<br>Formal  | 10am<br>25 <sup>th</sup> November 2015<br>Formal                              | 9:30am<br>26 <sup>th</sup> November 2015<br>Informal  | 10am<br>26 <sup>th</sup> January 2016<br>Formal  | 10am<br>16 <sup>th</sup> March 2016<br>Formal                        |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Implementation of the Care Act – July 2015 (1st Meeting) – Retrospective and Prospective. | Public Health Self-Assessment/Public Health Commissioning  | Healthy High Street (following on from Royal Society of Public Health report) | Sexual Health– Signposting for young people/partnership working (how successful is this) – Joint Meeting with CYP O&S | Implications of ageing population (not just dementia).   | Public Health Protection Responsibilities                            |
| H&WB Strategy Refresh (incl. inequalities and 'Well North')                               | Personalisation/Direct Payments – considerations of actions to promote greater personalisation and direct payments | Modernisation and peer review plan – tracking progress and challenge          |   | Children's health early years 0-5 including health visiting and family nurse partnership (jt with CYP)                   | Integration of Health Colleagues – what does this mean for Doncaster |
| Better Care Fund – update/progress including low level prevention service                 |  | Adult Safeguarding Annual Report  |   | Review of arrangements to deliver high quality care for people in residential homes/care homes/admissions long term care | Cancer   |

**Ongoing Areas**

- Update on Regional Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee re: Children and Adults Cardiac review: -
- **Mid-September** meeting to look at to understand the outcome/implications of the review

**H&ASC O&S Areas (May Change – TBA)**

- Quality accounts - review
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service – failure to meet targets/Industrial issues – CQC undertaking inspection (see what the outcome is)
- Cancer – Education and awareness (specific scope to be agreed) H&WB looking at it in Nov 2015
- Sexual Health (Informal Meeting TBA Mid Nov) – Signposting for young people/partnership working (how successful is this) – informal joint meeting with CYP O&S
- Transfer of health – outline what is now in the contract and responsibilities - informal joint meeting with CYP O&S

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Dear Ros

**PERSONALISATION/DIRECT PAYMENTS – CONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TO PROMOTE GREATER PERSONALISATION AND DIRECT PAYMENTS**

At a recent meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny, the Panel met to consider the actions being taken to promote greater personalisation and direct payments.

It was very pleasing to hear about the positive work that is being undertaken including the potential use of instant access cards as a payment mechanism, training and improving working relations and support with money management. The Panel discussed a number of areas; in particular, their concerns including the low take up of direct payments in Doncaster, the time taken to set up direct payments, provision of advice and information and implications of the closure of Social Education Centres

One area that the Panel discussed more at length was about the provision of advice and information. Members were informed that there was a challenge in respect of what was available and it was acknowledged that some kind of mechanism was needed to communicate this information. A Member of the Panel commented that there was an excellent opportunity to engage with the third sector, to market direct payments and social prescribing but that it needs to be more joined up. Reference was also made at the meeting to GISMO, an online tool to search for voluntary, community and faith sector groups in Rotherham.

Following the discussion, the Panel recommended that in light of the above there **needs to be more interaction with Members within their communities and wards.**

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A full set of minutes from this meeting can be found shortly on our new website pages at <https://doncasterintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=2106>.

On behalf of the Panel, I would like to thank Pat Higgs, Assistant Director for Adult Social Care for taking the time to attend the meeting and respond to questions raised by the Panel.

I would be grateful if you could provide a response to this letter no later than 22nd November 2015.

Yours sincerely

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