

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
23 MAY 2012
WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the work programme for 2012/13 as it currently stands, based on areas of work identified by the Committee at previous meetings and any further suggestions raised at this meeting and to decide whether to submit any comments to the Care Quality Commission as a result of scrutiny work carried out at this meeting.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to
- a) note the work that is currently planned to the end of this municipal year (Appendix 1) and make any additions and amendments to this plan if considered appropriate; and
 - b) agree whether to submit any comments to the Care Quality Commission as a result of scrutiny work carried out at this meeting.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Panel has four key roles, ie to:
- (a) undertake the Council's statutory role in scrutinising health services for the City in accordance with sections 7 and 8 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and associated regulations and guidance;
 - (b) engage with and respond to formal and informal NHS consultations;
 - (c) monitor the Council Executive's statutory responsibility to ensure an effective LINK through commissioning a host organisation;
 - (d) scrutinise local arrangements for the commissioning and delivery of local health services to ensure reduced health inequalities, access to services and the best health outcomes for citizens.
- 3.2 In agreeing the programme for scrutiny activity, the Committee should aim for an outcome-focused work programme that has clear priorities and a clear link to its terms of reference as listed in paragraph 3.1 above.
- 3.4 As it is the responsibility of this Panel to carry out the statutory health scrutiny role (see (a) and (b) in paragraph 3.1 above), the work programme will need to incorporate NHS consultations as they arise. It is important, therefore, that there is the flexibility to incorporate unplanned scrutiny work requested in-year. While the Panel is scheduled to meet every other month, it may need to

hold a meeting in the intervening month in order to provide timely scrutiny of a proposed significant change to NHS services.

3.7 Councillors are reminded of their statutory responsibilities as follows:

While a 'substantial variation or development' of health services is not defined in Regulations, a key feature is that there is a major change to services experienced by patients and future patients. Proposals may range from changes that affect a small group of people within a small geographical area to major reconfigurations of specialist services involving significant numbers of patients across a wide area.

This Committee has statutory responsibilities in relation to substantial variations and developments in health services in accordance with sections 7 and 8 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and associated regulations and guidance. These are to consider the following matters in relation to any substantial variations or developments that impact upon those in receipt of services:

- (a) Whether, as a statutory body, the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been properly consulted within the consultation process;
- (b) Whether, in developing the proposals for service changes, the health body concerned has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation;
- (c) Whether a proposal for changes is in the interests of the local health service.

Councillors should bear these matters in mind when considering proposals.

3.8 Overview and Scrutiny committees are invited to provide information to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to help the CQC judge how well NHS and Adult Social Care commissioners and providers meet essential standards. Information can be provided at any time throughout the year to be used as part of ongoing checks on services. The Panel will need to decide whether it has any comments to submit to the CQC as a result of its scrutiny work at this meeting.

4. List of attached information

4.1 The following information can be found in the appendix to this report:

Appendix 1 – Health Scrutiny Panel Schedule of Work

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Reports to and outcomes of the Health Scrutiny Panel 28 September and 21 December 2011, and 25 January 2012.

7. Wards affected

Citywide

8. Contact information

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8 May 2012

Health Scrutiny Panel 2012/13 - Schedule

23 May 12 1.30pm	Nottingham CityCare Partnership Quality Account Transition arrangements	25 July 12 1.30pm	NHS Transition Arrangements (commissioning and delivery) update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Commissioning Group • Health and Wellbeing Board • Public Health Transition • LINK support and HealthWatch development 	26 Sep 12 2.30pm	Transforming Community Services (focus on talking therapies, midwifery and podiatry)	28 Nov 12 1.30pm	NHS Transition Arrangements (commissioning and delivery) update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Commissioning Group • Health and Wellbeing Board • Public Health Transition • LINK support and HealthWatch development 	30 Jan 13 1.30pm		27 Mar 13 1.30pm	
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To schedule: Registering with a GP Practice of Choice: Nottingham City Pilot

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