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| HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL |
| 28 MARCH 2013 |
| DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14 |
| REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES |

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To give initial consideration to the work programme for 2013/14 to ensure that available resources are used to their full potential to make a positive impact on improving the wellbeing of local communities and people who live and/or work in Nottingham.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to give consideration to:
- a) the Panel's draft work programme for 2013/14 prior to approval in May; and
 - b) agree the items for consideration at the Panel's meeting in May.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Panel has four key roles, to:
- (a) undertake the Council's statutory role in scrutinising health services for the City;
 - (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 (for 2013/14 this will be amended to reflect the cessation of LINK and establishment of Local Healthwatch);
 - (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 setting a programme for scrutiny activity, the Panel 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.
- 3.3 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. However, it is acknowledged that, to date, NHS consultations have been primarily considered at the

Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee, given its responsibility for scrutinising health services across the conurbation.

3.4 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 Panel has statutory responsibilities in relation to substantial variations and developments in health services. 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.

3.5 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.

3.6 At Appendix 1 is a draft schedule of work and a list of potential topics previously identified by the Panel. The Panel needs to ensure that its work programme has a clear purpose and is focused on improving the wellbeing of local communities and people who live and/ or work in Nottingham. This work programme will be finalised at the first meeting of the municipal year in May.

4. List of attached information

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

Appendix 1 – Health Scrutiny Panel 2013/14 Draft 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**

None

7. **Wards affected**

Citywide

8. **Contact information**

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Health Scrutiny Panel 2013/14 – Draft Schedule of Work

| May 2013 | July 2013 | Sept 2013 | Nov 2013 | Jan 2014 | March 2014 |
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| CityCare Quality Account Healthwatch Nottingham Integration of health and adult social care Any Qualified Provider (tba) | | | | CityCare Quality Account | |

Possible topics for inclusion in the work programme:

Below is listed possible topics previously identified by the Panel. They do not necessarily have to be scheduled in the 2013/14 work programme – the Panel may wish to add, amend or delete from this list. Additional topics may be identified from, for example discussions with Healthwatch Nottingham; issues raised by ward councillors. All topics should have a clear purpose and potential to make a positive impact on improving the wellbeing of local communities and people who live and/or work in Nottingham.

Additional issues for possible inclusion on the work programme are currently being identified and will be reported to the first meeting of the municipal year when the Panel will agree its 2013/14 work programme.

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| i | Nottingham CityCare Partnership Quality Account 2012/13 (May) To consider the draft Quality Account and whether to make a statement for inclusion |
| ii | Nottingham CityCare Partnership Quality Account 2013/14 (suggest January and May 2014) To consider the draft Quality Account and whether to make a statement for inclusion |
| iii | Healthwatch Nottingham (suggest May 2013) To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) discuss how health scrutiny and Healthwatch Nottingham can work together effectively b) identify issues for inclusion on the scrutiny work programme |
| iv | Integration of health and adult social care (suggest May 2013) To hear about the progress of the Integrated Care Programme for adults |
| v | Any Qualified Provider <i>In November requested an update in May 2013 – the Panel needs to identify a focus for this</i> |
| vi | Access to counselling services for young people |

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| vii | Services for those suffering from self harm |
| viii | Services for blind and partially sighted citizens |

Consultations on substantial developments or variations in health services will be scheduled as required.

The Panel will also want to consider its ongoing engagement with:

- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Healthwatch Nottingham