

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
<b>25 SEPTEMBER 2013</b>
<b>WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the Panel's work programme for 2013/14, based on areas of work identified by the Panel at previous meetings and any further suggestions raised at this meeting.

**2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to note the work that is currently planned for municipal year 2013/14 and make amendments to this programme if considered appropriate.

**3. Background information**

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Panel is responsible for carrying out the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health and social care matters and for exercising the Council's statutory role in scrutinising health services for the City.
- 3.2 The Panel is responsible for determining its own work programme to fulfil its terms of reference. The work programme is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.3 The work programme is intended to be flexible so that issues which arise as the year progresses can be considered appropriately. This is likely to include consultations from health service providers about substantial variations and developments in health services that the Panel has statutory responsibilities in relation to.
- 3.4 Where there are a number of potential items that could be scrutinised in a given year, consideration of what represents the highest priority or area of risk will assist with work programme planning. Changes and/or additions to the work programme will need to take account of the resources available to the Committee.
- 3.5 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 set out in legislation 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.

- 3.6 Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils have established a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee which is responsible for scrutinising decisions made by NHS organisations, together with reviewing other health issues that impact on services accessed by both City and County residents.
- 3.7 The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has announced that Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) will be included in the first wave of Trusts being inspected under the new approach to inspection of acute hospitals. It is understood that this inspection will take place during November 2013. Correspondence has been received from the CQC regarding opportunity for health scrutiny to get involved with the inspection process:
  - By providing evidence in advance of the inspection
  - Attending 'public listening events' to be held on the first day of the inspection
  - Through the Quality Summit held at the end of the inspection to discuss findings and improvement action needed.

As the lead committee for scrutinising matters relating to NUH, the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will take the lead in engaging with the inspection process.

#### **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 Work Programme**

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 minutes of Health Scrutiny Panel meetings held on 29 May and 24 July 2013

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. **Contact information**

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Health Scrutiny Panel 2013/14 Work Programme

<p>29 May 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CityCare Partnership Quality Account 2012/13</b> To consider CityCare Partnership's Quality Account 2012/13 and whether to make a statement for inclusion</li> <li>• <b>Adult integrated care</b> To consider the adult integrated care programme</li> <li>• <b>'Community case finders' hospital discharge</b> To consider work to facilitate timely hospital discharge and prevent unnecessary hospital admissions through the 'community case finders' model</li> </ul>
<p>24 July 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Healthwatch Nottingham</b> To meet with Healthwatch Nottingham and agree a protocol for the working relationship between health scrutiny and Healthwatch Nottingham</li> <li>• <b>Public health</b> To take an overview of the Council's public health responsibilities and key priorities and challenges</li> <li>• <b>Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health/ Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board</b> To consider the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health's priorities for the Portfolio and Health and Wellbeing Board, including implementation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</li> <li>• <b>Standards of care in Nottingham care homes</b> To scrutinise action taken to ensure high standards of care at care homes in Nottingham</li> </ul>
<p>25 September 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Changemakers scheme</b> To hear about the role of the Nottingham Changemakers and to consider how the benefits of this scheme can be maximised</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Draft Adult Mental Health Strategy</b> To consider the draft Adult Mental Health Strategy as part of the public and stakeholder consultation process</li> </ul>
<b>27 November 2013</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CityCare Partnership complaints</b> To review how CityCare Partnership responds to patient comments and complaints</li> <li>• <b>Quality of care in Nottingham City Council care homes (tbc)</b> <i>Focus to be determined</i></li> </ul>
<b>29 January 2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CityCare Partnership Quality Account 2013/14</b> Preliminary consideration of priorities for CityCare Partnership's Quality Account 2013/14</li> <li>• <b>Strategic Review of the Care Home Sector</b> To consider the findings of the Strategic Review of the Care Home Sector</li> <li>• <b>Care at home (tbc)</b> <i>Focus to be determined</i></li> </ul>
<b>26 March 2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Healthwatch Nottingham (tbc – depending on publication of Healthwatch Annual Report)</b> To review the first year since the establishment of Healthwatch Nottingham</li> <li>• <b>Health and Wellbeing Board and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b> To review the first year of Health and Wellbeing Board and progress in implementing the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</li> <li>• <b>Adult Integrated Care</b> To review progress in the Adult Integrated Care Programme, since commencement of the new model of working in January 2014</li> </ul>

To schedule:

- Integration of children's health and care services
- GP waiting times
- How do individuals and their families/ carers make informed decisions and choices about care homes?
- Review of a public health commissioned service (focus to be determined)

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- Impact of introduction of new residential care home contracts on quality
- Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health/ Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Written reports requested:

- How can public health support work at a neighbourhood/ ward level?
- The extent to which the needs of the care home market are taken into account when planning applications are considered