

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
19 APRIL 2016
DEVELOPING 2016/17 WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)

1. Purpose

1.1 To give initial consideration to the Committee's work programme for 2016/17 and identify any potential new issues for scrutiny.

2. Action required

2.1 The Committee is asked to identify potential issues for scrutiny during 2016/17, for further exploration as to potential focus, key lines of enquiry, timescales and resource requirements.

3. Background information

3.1 The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising health matters which impact on both the areas covered by Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

3.2 The Committee is responsible for determining its own work programme to fulfil its terms of reference.

3.3 In setting the work programme the Committee should aim for an outcome-focused work programme that has clear priorities and potential to contribute to improvements for local people. The work programme must be matched against the resources available to deliver the programme.

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 The work programme needs to be flexible so that issues which arise as the year progresses can be considered appropriately. Issues may arise from a range of sources including:

- consultation by health service commissioners about substantial variations and developments in health services that the Committee has statutory responsibilities in relation to
- Suggestions/ referrals from Healthwatch Nottingham and Healthwatch Nottinghamshire
- Emerging national, regional and local issues.

3.6 Both local authorities have established their own Health Scrutiny Committees with responsibility for scrutinising health matters that impact only on residents living in their authority area.

- 3.7 The Committee is asked to identify any potential new issues for scrutiny by the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee during 2016/17:
- at monthly Committee meetings; and
 - any study group reviews.

Following the meeting, where appropriate these issues will be explored further to identify a focus, key lines of enquiry, possible timescales and resource requirements. Based on this a proposed work programme for 2016/17 will be developed and brought to the Committee for approval in May.

4. List of attached information

4.1 None

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

5.1 None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 Nottingham City Council Constitution

6.2 Nottinghamshire County Council Constitution

7. Wards affected

7.1 All

8. Contact information

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