

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
23 NOVEMBER 2017
WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the Committee's work programme for 2017/18 based on areas of work identified by the Committee at previous meetings and any further suggestions raised at this meeting.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a) note the work that is currently planned for the municipal year 2017/18 and make amendments to this programme as appropriate; and
- b) establish a study group to explore how commitments to adult mental health are being maintained in current decision making to manage budget pressures and appoint councillors to sit on that study group.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Committee is responsible for carrying out the overview and scrutiny role and responsibilities for health and social care matters and for exercising the Council's statutory role in scrutinising health services for the City.
- 3.2 The Committee is responsible for setting and managing its own work programme to fulfil this role.
- 3.3 In setting a programme for scrutiny activity, the Committee should aim for an outcome-focused work programme that has clear priorities and a clear link to its roles and responsibilities. The work programme needs 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 commissioners and providers about substantial variations and developments in health services that the Committee 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 The current work programme for the municipal year 2017/18 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.6 In September the Committee considered the following suggestion for its work programme from the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health:

“We understand that Nottingham City CCG is working alongside other Nottinghamshire CCGs and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to deliver savings in the region of £20m per annum on mental health services across the City and County by the start of the 2019/20 year. This work is known as the Systems Affordability Programme. We also understand that savings are being sought in the current financial year as part of this work.

The Council has also recently initiated a programme of work to help manage pressures on its Adult Social Care budget. This work includes several projects that seek to control the cost of providing assistance to people with mental ill health.

We ask that Health Scrutiny Committee examines the approach to manage these organisational and budgetary challenges to ensure that the decisions that result support the strategic commitments made by partners within the City’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan, and in the City’s joint mental health Strategy *Wellness in Mind*; and to ensure that together with our partners we are prioritising mental health as we transform our health system and design a modern care system for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.”

- 3.7 The Committee welcomed this suggestion and agreed to scope out a piece of work to explore these issues. Given pressures on the Committee’s workload at formal meetings, it is proposed to establish a study group to undertake a short focused review of how commitments to adult mental health are being maintained in current decision making to manage budget pressures.

4. List of attached information

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Health Scrutiny Committee 2017/18 Work Programme

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 Reports to and minutes of the Health Scrutiny Committee during 2016/17 and 2017/18

Reports to and minutes of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee during 2016/17

7. Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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