

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 6

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

30 JUNE 2015

SETTING THE PANEL'S WORK PROGRAMME 2015/2016

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide the Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel with a range of information, extracted from various sources to assist in the consideration of suitable topics for inclusion into the panel's Work Programme.

BACKGROUND

2. Each of the Council's scrutiny panels agrees an annual work programme of topics for investigation. The work programme is then considered and approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board. Following approval of the work programme topics, terms of reference and key lines of enquiry are then agreed by the scrutiny panel at the start of each investigation. These outline the areas that will be examined by the panel during the course of its work.
3. The Health Scrutiny Panel attempts to have a dual focus upon local health services and wider public health issues. The suggestions have been put together following background research and in consultation with a variety of people/organisations including the local NHS, Healthwatch, Public Health and all Council Members.
4. The aim is to develop a realistic and achievable programme with a small number of high quality reviews, whilst realising that issues might arise which the panel may wish to consider. Scrutiny panels have also previously responded on an ad-hoc basis to emerging issues – such as considering relevant new legislation, guidance or Government consultation documents.
5. The work programme should include a balance of
 - Policy and service review
 - Policy development and service improvement
 - Performance management
6. Once the panel has identified the topics for review, anticipated time frames need to be applied, to outline when each issue will be dealt with, this can then be shared with local health officials to assist with forward planning.
7. In addition to the work programme, updates on other scrutiny topics previously considered may also be requested throughout the year.

CONSIDERATION OF TOPICS BY ALL NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

8. All Members have been asked to submit their ideas for topics. The topics listed are not exhaustive and are a prompt for the panel's discussions on the work programme, if panel members would like to add further suggestions then this would be the ideal opportunity to put those suggestions forward.
9. The scrutiny panel's agreed work programme should be flexible enough to allow work to be undertaken in the required detail and also to permit the panel to investigate any additional relevant areas of work which arise during the course of its work. Topics may be investigated as detailed scrutiny reviews over the course of several meetings, or as shorter topics over one or two meetings.

PRIORITISING THE WORK PROGRAMME

10. The chart which can be used to assist the panel in selecting and prioritising topics for the work programme is attached at Appendix 1.

Potential topics for Review – 2015/16

Updates and Issues carried over from Last Year	
1	Neurological Services – meeting with CCG and South Tees Foundation Hospitals NHS Trust to discuss Neurological Services and in particular services for children <i>Pencilled in for 14 July Scrutiny Panel meeting</i>
2	Healthcare Associated Infections – the panel receives periodic updates on this topic and it is suggested that this continues, to assess JCUH performance in relation to Healthcare Associated Infections. <i>(Perhaps an update on the recent CQC assessment could be included in this update – where staffing levels and end of care were highlighted)</i>
3	NHS Finances – the panel have received an update about the financial pressures facing the NHS and the South Tees Foundation Hospitals NHS Trust and members were interested in inviting representatives back for an update.
4	Review of the pharmacy at James Cook University Hospital - its impact on hospital discharge arrangements
Recommendations/Issues arising from Previous Reviews	
5	Physical condition of patients on discharge and quality of information contained in the discharge package – (from Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel review – Safeguarding Adults in residential Care)
6	South Tees CCG Property Portfolio – impact on the town of building closures and service relocation (from OSB meeting with key stakeholders)
7	Public Health Team/MVDA – progress with Social Prescribing (from report on Tees Wide Suicide Prevention Plan)

Suggestions from Members	
8	Agency Nurses - Hiring nurses from agencies at James Cook Hospital – what is the cost and what is being done to bring the cost of this down?
9	PFI - The effects on PFI contracts on James Cook Hospital.
Suggestions from MPs	
10	Consider looking into the recent CQC report into James Cook Hospital and what the council's response will be – Andy McDonald MP
Topical Issues	
11	Public Health – update on progress since the transfer to Local Authorities. How well are the Local Authority and its partners addressing health inequalities?
12	End of Life Care – BBC article April 2015 says end of life care for terminally ill needs a major overhaul – what is the situation like in Middlesbrough, perhaps look at the position since the panel's last review in 2010.
13	Childhood Obesity – what are we doing to prevent it
14	Maternity Services – national review of Maternity services following investigations at Furness General Hospital, what is the position in Middlesbrough
15	Care Act – briefing on the implications (possible joint briefing with Social Care and Adult Services Panel)
Topics Provided by the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group	
16	Health inequalities – autumn – following on enhanced joint working with CCG/ public health
17	Primary care strategy update – summer/ Following on from the discussions about the recruitment / retention workforce issues this would be to consider a much wider angle with regard to future working to get a sustainable primary and community care front line
18	Stroke – later in year - With regard to prevention agenda (there has been an increase in the numbers of younger men in Middlesbrough having strokes)
19	7 day working –awaiting further clarity will be needed from the 'centre' – so a discussion later in the year would be appropriate.
Discussions with Healthwatch – key issues arising from their stakeholder events	
20	Review of Pharmacy Arrangements – especially delays in patient discharge due to delays arising from the receipt of prescriptions.
21	Children's Mental Health – Access and provision in Middlesbrough
Current Department of Health Policies – with a view to assessing the	

implications/progress with these policies in Middlesbrough	
22	Cancer research and treatment – improving the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and helping survivors to live more comfortably.
23	Carers' health – Carers get the information, advice and support they need to stay healthy while they are caring for someone else.
24	Children's Health – helping families to have the best healthy start in life
25	Choice in health and social care – 7 day a week NHS
26	Compassionate care in the NHS – making changes to the health and social care system to put respect for patients and service users first.
27	Dementia – Dementia Challenge, dementia friendly communities, what are we doing in Middlesbrough
28	Drug misuse and dependency – helping people make a full recovery from drug addiction and discouraging drug use in the first place
29	End of Life Care – treating people with dignity and to enable people to be able to die in their place of choice.
30	Harmful drinking – Improving local alcohol services
31	Health and Social Care Integration – ensuring health and social care services work together more efficiently so that people get the right combination of care
32	Health emergency planning – to be ready in emergency situations
33	Long term health conditions – early diagnosis for people with diabetes, asthma and heart disease and ensure high quality treatment, care and support
34	Mental health service reform – making mental wellbeing a priority and making services as efficient as possible
35	NHS Efficiency – free up funds for treating patients
36	Obesity and health eating – helping people to eat healthily and make sure people get the right support to lose weight.
37	Patient safety – making sure health and social care services are safe for patients and adults in vulnerable situations
38	Research and innovation in health and social care
39	Smoking – reducing the harm tobacco causes by stopping people taking up smoking or helping them to stop.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is recommended that the Health Scrutiny Panel receives the report and considers which issues it would like to see included in the panel's Work Programme for the 2015/16 Municipal Year and provide an outline indication of the order that the topics should be dealt with.

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Scrutiny Work Plan Prioritisation Aid

