

Meeting: Adult Social Care, Health & Wellbeing Sub-committee

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2017/18

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to inform the Sub-committee of its work programme for the 2017/18 municipal year.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-committee is recommended to note the work programme for 2017/18.

3. Details

Background

- 3.1 The process of establishing the 2017/18 overview and scrutiny work programme began in February 2017 with an email to all Members and Tier 1, 2 and 3 managers, seeking topics for scrutiny. It was explained with this request that, as in previous years, the focus of overview and scrutiny would be on contributing to policy development.
- 3.2 A press release was issued on 7 February 2017 seeking the views of members of the public as to what services would be important for scrutiny to focus on.
- 3.3 The Senior Leadership Team also discussed the work programme and were looking to identify key policy areas for scrutiny to focus on. The work programme process and suggestions received to date was also discussed at a meeting of scrutiny chairs and deputies.
- 3.4 In addition to asking senior staff and Members to put forward ideas, an article was also placed on the Authority web site and communication platforms inviting members of the public to raise issues that they thought would be suitable for scrutiny to investigate.

Topics

3.5 Following discussions with the Chair and Deputy Chair of Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee, the topics below have been identified as priority areas for the Sub-committee to consider over the coming year.

3.6 Sub-committee meetings will be focussed around four main themes, these are:

- Better Care Fund and associated project updates
- Sustainable Transformation Plan
- Mental Health
- Health Inequalities

3.7 Topics identified include:

Better Care Fund:

- Delayed transfer of care update
- The role of assistive technology update
- Falls prevention

Mental Health Topics

- North Tyneside's Suicide Strategy and initiatives in place to reduce suicide rates
- Older Persons Mental Health Strategy
- Dementia Services update
- Loneliness and Isolation update
- Transforming Care Programme in relation to mental health and the Crisis Concordat
- Veterans Mental Health

Health Inequalities Topics:

- Overview of health inequalities in North Tyneside, issues and initiatives
- A Smoke Free North Tyneside
- Director of Public Health's Annual Report
- Extending working life, managing long term conditions and tackling the fitness gap over 50's

Other topics:

- North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group's Operational Plan
- Continuing Healthcare Assessments
- Redesign of Adult Social Care Customer Journey
- Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report and Action Plan
- Modern Slavery
- Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Commissioning Intentions 2018/19

3.8 In order to manage the Sub-committee's work programme effectively members will also receive information reports on various topics. These can be used to determine whether there are any specific areas that the Sub-committee would like to consider further.

3.9 During the meeting, members will have the opportunity to raise any others topics relevant to the remit of the Sub-committee for inclusion on the work programme, these topics will

be scheduled accordingly in consultation with the Chair and the Deputy Chair of the Sub-committee.

In-depth studies

- 3.10 As has been practice in previous years, the Sub-committee may set up a sub-group (of around 4/5 members) to carry out any topics that have been identified for in-depth investigation. The sub-groups operate in a more informal way and can consult with a wide range of witnesses in various settings, including service users, often over a shorter period of time. When dealing with a specific topic, this focused way of working is often more productive than trying to achieve the same in a formal committee setting

Health Scrutiny

- 3.11 In North Tyneside, Health Overview and Scrutiny is carried out by the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee, therefore Members need to be mindful that in accordance with current regulations the Sub-committee can:-
- Review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its local area and to make reports and recommendations on such issues.
 - Consider and make recommendations on proposals from a local NHS body for a substantial development or substantial variation in health services in North Tyneside, and if the Sub-committee have significant concerns with any proposals can refer contested service changes to the Secretary of State for Health.
- 3.12 As discussed above, NHS bodies and commissioners are required to consult the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee on substantial developments or significant variations to local health services. Therefore the Sub-committee will need to allow flexibility in their work programme to consider these as they emerge.

4. Appendices

None