

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

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to present Members with potential topics for inclusion in the 2019/20 work programme.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-committee is recommended to consider the report and agree a work programme for 2019/20.

3. Details

Background

3.1 As part of the process for establishing the 2019-20 Overview and Scrutiny work programme, Members and senior officers have been asked to put forward suggestions of possible topics. As in previous years, the focus of overview and scrutiny will be on contributing to policy development.

3.2 Senior officers identified a range of scrutiny activities for the year ahead. These have been shared and discussed with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Sub-committee. Members of the sub-committee are also invited to put their suggestions forward.

Topics

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

3.4 Topics identified include:

Health Topics

- Better Care Fund and associated project updates
- Realistic Medicine and Bereavement Services (NHCFT)
- Integrated Care Systems (ICS) and Integrated Care Partnerships (ICP) which will replace STPs, including updates from the Joint Committee.
- Prevention Stream, including Prevention Green Paper when available.
- CCG Service Plans
- Sustainable Transformation Plan (STP) – Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- Quality Accounts
- Subsidiary Health Services: Dentistry and Ophthalmology
- GP appointments
- Primary Care Network development

Adult Social Care Topics

- Provision of Social Care – continuing discussions from previous year
- Continuing Healthcare Assessments and Funding
- Dementia Services
- Mental Wellbeing in later life
- Autism Strategy
- Developing Wellbeing services
- Social Care Green paper

Public Health Topics

- Armed Forces Covenant
- Drug related deaths
- Director of Public Health's Annual Report

3.5 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.

3.6 Members are asked to prioritise the topics to be included in the work programme for the year ahead.

3.7 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

3.8 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. The ability to support any sub-committee would be subject to available resources.

Health Scrutiny

3.9 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.

3.10 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

A copy of the Draft Work Programme 2019-20