

Health Scrutiny Committee

9 October 2006

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Health Scrutiny Support Programme

Summary

1. This report is to confirm City of York Council's programme for the Health Scrutiny Support Programme

Background

2. The Centre for Public Scrutiny is running a Department of Health funded support programme for the 150 health overview and scrutiny committees of social services authorities. Members requested in June that they be considered for the scheme.
3. City of York Council has been accepted onto the scheme and has been allocated an advisor. He is Robin Stonebridge who is the Chairman of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee at Rotherham, a member of the Centre for Public Scrutiny Advisory Board and a non-executive director of Rotherham Primary Care Trust.
4. Two sessions have been arranged for 22 October and 22 November. All members of the Council who may find it useful have been invited to attend. Two or three further sessions will be arranged in the new year according to members wishes. Details of the first two sessions are attached at Annex A.

Options

5. Members should consider the timescale for the future sessions of the support programme.

Analysis

6. This scheme will provide free advice and support, which will be especially beneficial to members in carrying out their Health Scrutiny duties especially as changes to the structure of the health services are implemented.

Implications

7. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications at this stage.

Risk Management

8. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to take part in the Health Scrutiny Support Programme.
10. Members are asked to agree some possible dates for further sessions early in 2007.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes

Annex A – Health Scrutiny Support Programme

Background Papers

None