

**Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny  
Management Committee**

**9 December 2019**

**Report of the Chair of Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny  
Committee**

1. This Committee has met five times since the beginning of the municipal year.
2. In June, Members received a report highlighting the structure for the provision of scrutiny within City of York Council and the resources available to support it. It was noted that the Committee had been encumbered by a heavy workload in recent years and it was hoped that the removal of the Housing and Community Safety element from the Committee's remit with the creation of a new scrutiny committee would reduce this workload and give Members the chance to pursue more detailed scrutiny objectives. Members also received a presentation from the Director of Public health highlighting the statutory responsibilities of Public Health and the current challenges in York.
3. In July the Committee received their six-monthly performance report from Healthwatch York which highlighted the work, development and management of the service. Members then welcomed the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care who outlined her priorities and challenges for the year ahead. They also received the annual report of the York Health and Wellbeing Board and noted that the Board is currently reviewing its working operations. The Corporate Director for Health, Housing and Adult Social Care then presented a report outlining some initial challenges and priorities for the Directorate in the new Municipal Year. Members considered the Finance and Performance Outturn Report and nominated a Committee Member to serve on a CSMC Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee established to investigate food poverty in the city.
4. In September representatives from Unity Health provided an update report on the 2019 GP Patient Survey in which 60% of patients rated their experience with Unity Health as "good". Members were reminded

that in a CQC inspection in May 2018 Unity Health was rated “inadequate” while subsequent CQC report in September 2018, January 2019 and July 2019 had been positive. The representatives were keen to point out that the NHS England survey reflected the position the previous year and that an in-house survey undertaken in June 2019 demonstrated that improvements had been made. Members received a report outlining the roll-out of a Vale of York CCG project how to change the way repeat medicines are ordered; their six-monthly Quality Monitoring report on residential, nursing and homecare services and their annual Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults assurance report. Finally the Committee considered the 1st Quarter Finance and Performance Monitoring Report.

5. In October Members considered the finding of the Older Persons Accommodation Needs Survey which was undertaken to better understand the needs of the city’s older residents and to establish what is important to people about how and where they live in their later year. The Committee received an update report on the implementation of recommendations from the previously completed substance misuse scrutiny review and an update report on developing a Community Approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing. They also received an update report on a Site Development Plan for the Bootham Park Hospital site developed in partnership with York Teaching Hospital and asked that their comments on the health and wellbeing benefits that might be achieved from the development of the site as a health asset be reported to the Executive alongside the result of consultation into the plan.
6. Finally, in November The Committee received a report setting out the reasons why a corporate Safeguarding Policy is deemed necessary for the Council and members were asked to give their views on the proposed policy. Members considered a Health Protection Assurance Report which provided an overview of health protections systems nationally and the priorities in York and a report outlining the work that has been undertaken by the Oral Health Improvement Advisory Group in developing a strategy to improve oral health for children in York.

**Cllr Paul Doughty**

**Chair**

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