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## **Scrutiny Management Committee**

**28 January 2008**

### **Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services**

### **Update on Work of Health Scrutiny Committee**

#### **Summary**

1. This report introduces an update report from Cllr Tina Funnell as Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee, on the activities and work to date of the Committee.

#### **Background**

2. The Health Scrutiny Committee was formed in May 2006 to carry out the statutory health scrutiny function which was previously under the remit of the Social Services and Health Scrutiny Board.
3. Cllr Tina Funnell will update members on:
  - a. Proposals for the formation of a Local Involvement Network (LINK) for the City of York area.
  - b. Contributing to the "Annual Health Check" – the assessment process for NHS Trusts
  - c. Planned work for the remainder of the municipal year
  - d. Other relevant issues connected with the health of the citizens of York.
4. The programme of work for the remainder of the year is likely to relate to the provision of alternatives to in-patient hospital treatment for people with long-term health problems, in particular:
  - a. mental health problems (especially care of the elderly)
  - b. musculoskeletal disorders.

#### **Consultation**

5. Members working in health scrutiny are in close and frequent consultation with colleagues from the health trusts and other

organisations which impact on the healthcare of people in York as well as community representatives.

### **Options**

6. Members may receive this report and ask any relevant questions of the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee. They can decide the frequency of future reports to SMC.

### **Analysis**

7. Members need to consider the future workload of the committee when requesting frequent updates from any source.

### **Corporate Values**

8. This report is relevant to the Corporate Value of encouraging improvement in everything we do.

### **Implications**

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

### **Risk Management**

10. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

### **Recommendations**

11. Members are asked to receive the report on the progress of the Health Scrutiny Committee and decide on the frequency of future updates.

**Reason:** to inform Scrutiny Management Committee of the work and progress of other Scrutiny Committees.

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**Report Approved**

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Annexes**

Annex A - Update from Cllr Christina Funnell

**Background Papers**

None