
Scrutiny Management Committee

21 April 2008

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Update on Work of Health Scrutiny Committee

Summary

1. This report introduces Cllr Tina Funnell as Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee, who will update members 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. Progress on the development of a Local Involvement Network (LINK) for the City of York area.
 - b. The Health Scrutiny Committee's contribution to the "Annual Health Check" – the assessment process for NHS Trusts for 2007/8.
 - c. Planned work for the remainder of the municipal year
 - d. Other relevant issues connected with the health and social care of the citizens of York.
4. The programme of work for the remainder of the year and into the next municipal year will focus on the needs of elderly people with dementia who are accessing secondary care at York District Hospital.
5. A work programme is enclosed at Annex A.

Consultation

6. 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

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

Analysis

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

Corporate Values

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

Implications

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

Risk Management

11. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

12. 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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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes

Annex A – Health Scrutiny Committee’s workplan

Background Papers

None