

Health Scrutiny Committee

30 July 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Work planning for Health Scrutiny 2007/8

Summary

1. This report is to ask members to confirm their work planning programme for the municipal year 2007/8.

Background

2. At the meeting on 11 June 2007, the Committee agreed to hold an informal work planning session to determine the major issues for Scrutiny during the current year.
3. This has been arranged for the afternoon of Wednesday 22 August and will be held at Clifton Moor Church and Community Centre. Representatives of NHS Yorkshire and the Humber, North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust, York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service have agreed to present their priorities and plans to members. Colleagues from Housing and Adult Social Services will also outline their work plans to members
4. The meeting will be facilitated by officers who are working on the Yorkshire and Humber Local Government and Health Project, which is part of a national capacity building programme funded by central government and the Department of Health.
5. Patient and Public Involvement Forums and representatives of the Older People's Assembly, the Council for Voluntary Service and the Independent Complaints Advocacy Service have also agreed to attend and take part in the facilitated discussions. The seminar will not be a public meeting as its priority is for members to learn about emerging policy priorities and consider which are most relevant to their scrutiny work.
6. If members wish to listen to and take suggestions from other voluntary groups and community organisations then they may wish to hold a wider community consultation day in October. NHS Yorkshire and the

Humber are commissioning a “showcase bus” which will demonstrate latest developments in medical treatments – it may be possible to have the bus on site at this consultation day.

7. Members will have an earlier opportunity to view the “showcase bus” if they attend the “Big Regional Health Scrutiny Event” as mentioned at the last meeting and now postponed until 28 September at the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds. There are four places offered to members and officers of each Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the region.
8. After the work planning seminar on 22 August members may then agree a draft workplan which can be approved at the re-scheduled formal Health Scrutiny Committee on 24 September.
9. This may then be notified to Scrutiny Management Committee at their meeting on 22 October. There may be later additions as a result of any community consultation day that members may hold and also after the contributions from the Director of Housing and Adult Social Services regarding the contribution of Scrutiny to the work of the Healthy City Board and the local area agreement. The Director is scheduled to talk to the Committee on 24 September.

Consultation

10. The scrutiny officer has been in consultation with Geoff Ainsley of Bradford Metropolitan Council with regard to the format of the work planning seminar on 22 August. She has also been in contact with officers of the leading Health Service organisations and officers from Adult Social Services in connection with their contributions to the Committee’s work.

Options

11. Members may decide or not to support the recommendations below aimed at helping establishing a clear work programme and direction for the Committee during the municipal year, and at learning more about the ‘health agenda’ through regional networking.

Analysis

12. This will enable health scrutiny to develop from being solely an examination of NHS trusts into a wider reaching function that works in partnership with a wide range of organisations to improve the health of the citizens of York.

Corporate Priorities

13. Relevant to Corporate Priority 7 – Improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest.

Implications

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

Risk Management

15. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy, there are no known direct risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

16. Members are asked to invite Bill Hodson, Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, to the meeting of 24 September to discuss how health scrutiny can contribute to the work of the Healthy City Board and the local area agreement.
17. Members are asked to agree to be represented at the Regional Health Scrutiny Event to be held on 28 September at the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds with at least 4 places available for each authority.
18. Members are asked to note that the facilitated work planning event will be held on August 22 at Clifton Moor Church and Community Centre, to help determine the major issues affecting all health partners and the York public and establish a prioritised work plan for this Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.
19. Members are also asked to agree to hold a wider Community Engagement Day on a day in October 2007. This will enable them to listen to all voluntary and community groups and consider how to incorporate their views and expertise in to the planned work.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) *None*

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

None

Background Papers

None