
Scrutiny Management Committee

22 October 2007

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. A work planning event in which members learned about the plans and priorities of health partners
 - b. A community consultation event in which members listened to the concerns of patient and community groups
 - 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 include some or all of the following:
 - a. Contributing to the “Annual Health Check” – the assessment process for NHS Trusts
 - b. Working with City of York Council Officers who are responsible for procuring the host organisation for the new Local Involvement Network (LINK)
 - c. Alternatives to in-patient hospital treatment, particularly in relation to the care and management of one or more long-term conditions.

- d. The work of North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust's (NYYPCT) Exceptions Panel
- e. Updates on issues investigated by the former Health Scrutiny Committee, i.e. dental services in York and the financial status of NYYPCT.

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 Councils 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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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

None

Background Papers

None