



Report to Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Wednesday 26th February 2020

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Work Programme 2019/20

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The report sets out the Committee's work programme for consideration and discussion.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Consider and comment on the work programme for 2019/20

Category of Report: OPEN

1 What is the role of Scrutiny?

1.1 Scrutiny Committees exist to hold decision makers to account, investigate issues of local concern, and make recommendations for improvement. The Centre for Public Scrutiny has identified that effective scrutiny:

- Provides 'Critical Friend' challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers
- Enables the voice and concern of the public and its communities
- Is carried out by independent minded governors who lead and own the scrutiny process
- Drives improvement in public services and finds efficiencies and new ways of delivering services

1.2 Scrutiny Committees can operate in a number of ways – through formal meetings with several agenda items, single item 'select committee' style meetings, task and finish groups, and informal visits and meetings to gather evidence to inform scrutiny work. Committees can hear from Council Officers, Cabinet Members, partner organisations, expert witnesses, members of the public – and has a link to patient and public voice through observer members from HealthWatch sitting on the Committee. Scrutiny Committees are not decision making bodies, but can make recommendations to decision makers.

1.3 This Committee has additional powers and responsibilities in relation to scrutinising NHS services. The Committee can scrutinise the planning, provision and operation of any NHS services, and where a 'substantial variation' to NHS services is planned, the NHS is required to discuss this with the Scrutiny Committee. If the Committee considers that the proposed change is not in the best interests of the local area, or that consultation on the proposal has been inadequate, it can refer the proposal to the Secretary of State for Health for reconsideration.

2 The Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20

2.1 Attached is the work programme for 2019/20. The work programme remains a live document, and there is an opportunity for the Committee to discuss it at every meeting, this might include:

- Prioritising issues for inclusion on a meeting agenda
- Identifying new issues for scrutiny
- Determining the appropriate approach for an issue – eg select committee style single item agenda vs task and finish group
- Identifying appropriate witnesses and sources of evidence to inform scrutiny discussions
- Identifying key lines of enquiry and specific issues that should be addressed through scrutiny of any given issue.

Members of the Committee can also raise any issues relating to the work programme via the Chair or Policy and Improvement Officer at any time.

3 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

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HC&ASC Draft Work Programme		
Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Lead Officer/s
Wed 18th March 2020 4pm Performance		
Continuing Health Care	Follow ups from November meeting – seeking assurance that progress is being made on person-centred approach to CHC (assessment and beyond) and gain further understanding on the appeals process – particularly around its independence.	Sara Storey, SCC Alun Windle, Paul Higginbottom NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group
Quality in Adult Social Care	To scrutinise performance against national adult social care indicators, and impact of actions taken to improve quality in social care. To include the draft Local Account.	Sara Storey, SCC
Task and Finish Group		
Continence Services	To consider how well current services help people to maintain their independence and dignity, and the impact of purchasing exclusions on continence pads.	
'Watching Brief' items		
<i>Social Care Green Paper</i>	<i>To consider the implications of the Social Care Green Paper for Sheffield.</i>	<i>Sara Storey, SCC</i>
<i>Impact of Brexit on the Health and Care Sector</i>	<i>To consider implications of Brexit on the Health and Care Sector in Sheffield – particularly relating to workforce</i>	<i>Director of Public Health, SCC</i>

<i>Quality Accounts</i>	<i>To consider NHS provider Trusts Quality Accounts in line with Statutory Guidance – approach to be determined.</i>	<i>Various</i>
<i>Adult Short Breaks</i>	<i>To consider whether proposals to change Adult Short Breaks require public consultation and scrutiny.</i>	<i>NHS Sheffield CCG</i>
<i>Implementation of the national GP contract</i>	<i>To consider the local commissioning response to the national changes to GP contracts.</i>	<i>NHS Sheffield CCG</i>
<i>Primary Care Hubs</i>	<i>To consider proposals around changing locations of Primary Care Hubs in the City.</i>	<i>NHS Sheffield CCG</i>
<i>Bereavement post suicide</i>	<i>To consider proposals to strengthen bereavement services following suicide</i>	<i>Director of Public Health, SCC</i>
<i>Suicide Strategy</i>	<i>The City's Suicide Strategy is due to be reviewed in 2020.</i>	<i>Director of Public Health, SCC</i>
<i>Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Strategy</i>	<i>To consider implementation and impact of the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Strategy</i>	<i>Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board</i>
<i>ME</i>	<i>To consider what is going on in Sheffield to support people with ME.</i>	<i>SCC/CCG</i>
<i>Mental Health Strategy</i>	<i>To consider and comment on the draft Mental Health Strategy in advance of it being presented to Cabinet.</i>	<i>Sam Martin, SCC co-ordinating</i>

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