



Report to Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Wednesday 19th August 2020

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Draft Work Programme

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The report sets out the Committee's draft 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

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.
- 1.2 Scrutiny Committees can operate in a number of ways – through formal meetings with 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

- 2.1 Attached is the draft work programme for the Committee’s consideration. The response to the Covid-19 emergency has implications for how scrutiny operates. There is a recognition that working through virtual meetings requires a different approach to traditional Town Hall meetings, and a suggestion that Committees should meet for a maximum of two hours, with a more limited number of agenda items. The draft work programme reflects this.
- 2.2 Given the constantly evolving nature of the Covid-19 emergency, we will take a flexible approach in planning scrutiny work, to enable us to respond appropriately as new issues emerge. 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:

- Consider and comment on the draft work programme

HC&ASC Draft Work Programme		
Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Lead Organisations/Officer
September 16th 2020		
October 14th 2020		
Items to be scheduled		
<i>Public Health Legacy – tackling health inequalities.</i>	<i>To understand the impact of Covid19 on different groups in the city and to consider how the City's recovery plans will address health inequalities.</i>	<i>Greg Fell, Eleanor Rutter</i>
<i>Impact of lockdown and social isolation on health and wellbeing – possible working group.</i>	<i>To understand the impact of lockdown and isolation on Sheffield people's physical and mental health and wellbeing; to consider action the City is taking to minimise the negative impact of this.</i>	
<i>Strategic Review of Adult Social Care</i>	<i>Early involvement from Committee to help shape the direction, priorities and vision for ASC in Sheffield.</i>	<i>John Macilwraith</i>
<i>Direct Payments</i>	<i>To consider the review of the direct payment model and help shape future direction.</i>	<i>John Macilwraith</i>
<i>Continuing Healthcare</i>	<i>To consider how are we using the learning/good practice developed during Covid to inform future development – including learning from people's experience; How CHC fits in with approach to winter planning</i>	<i>SCC/NHS Sheffield CCG</i>
<i>All Age Disability Approach</i>	<i>Transition for young people into adulthood – improving outcomes. Initially focussed on social care.</i>	<i>Possible joint work with Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</i>
<i>Primary Care</i>	<i>To consider how Primary Care is moving towards delivering 'business as usual' services beyond Covid.</i>	<i>NHS Sheffield CCG</i>

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