

Appendix 1: Suggested Health Committee priorities and approach

Topic	Public Health	Scrutiny of NHS	Suggested approach	Timescale
Priority Topic: Mental Health a) Overview of what is currently happening in mental health, and what overall strategy the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is developing as part of its 5-year plan, including how people access the mental health system and how people are discharged from it b) Public mental health strategy – and its relationship to the overall mental health strategy c) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Suicide prevention strategy (already in progress) d) Mental health of people in prison, including provision for female offenders resident in Cambridgeshire	 √ √ √	 √ √	a) Committee set up an ongoing mental health working group, which meets initially with the CCG for an update on the position and emerging strategy, in order that the Committee can identify the most effective way of taking this forward b) Committee consider scope. Committee consider draft for approval c) Working group comment on draft; Committee then consider draft for approval d) Committee obtain written information from NHS about current provision and gaps, then agree how to take forward	Initial meeting July-August 2014 Committee Oct 2014 Mar 2015 Committee Sept 2014 Information circulated August 2014

<p>Priority Topic: Health Inequalities</p> <p>Updating and reviewing the health inequalities strategy with a focus on the following areas which inter-relate</p> <p>a) Reducing health inequalities in Fenland</p> <p>b) Improving childrens' health in early years, to reduce health inequalities among children at school reception stage</p> <p>c) Reducing smoking, particularly among groupings where the prevalence is high.</p>	<p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p>		<p>a), b) and c): Committee consider progress reports.</p> <p>b) Committee liaise with Children and Young People Committee</p>	
<p>Transport and Health</p> <p>a) Access to hospitals and other health services, particularly in relation to specialised services, and access from rural and some outlying urban parts of the County</p> <p>b) The need for a more integrated and interagency approach to transport – including making better use of resources, reducing gaps in provision, reducing road accidents, encouraging walking and cycling</p> <p>Both require close working between public health, the Health Committee, Economy and Environment (E&E) and Highways and Community Infrastructure (H&CI) Committee</p>	<p>√</p> <p>√</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>Committee set up a working group, to include members who are also on the E&E or H&CI Committee, to promote closer working between the Committees on transport issues.</p> <p>The Committee encourage the E&E Committee to appoint a health champion to promote joined up working on transport issues.</p>	<p>From September 2014</p> <p>Request made July 2014</p>

Effectiveness of Public Health a) Examining areas where Cambridgeshire is underperforming, including childhood immunisation and screening b) Examine the effectiveness of 2014/15 investments, such as health trainers, and training of staff in mental health	√ √		Committee consider reports from officers.	
Public Health Business Plan 2015/16	√		Committee: a) consider draft revenue proposals b) review final draft budget	a) Sept/Oct 2014 b) Nov 2014
Other suggestions a) Examining the implications for Cambridgeshire residents of the financial situation of Peterborough Hospital b) Examining the availability of primary care services c) How hospitals and crematoria deal with the remains following a miscarriage or stillbirth d) Identification of and provision for people with post-traumatic stress disorder e) Bullying in schools and workplaces f) Ensuring NHS organisations consult properly	 √ √ √ √ √ √	 √ √ √ √	a) Committee keep position under review via liaison with the CCG b) Committee request information from NHS England and the CCG about any identified gaps in provision c) Committee request information from NHS and crematoria about good practice and what happens locally d) Committee request information from CPFT (the mental health trust) b), c) and d): once information received, Committee agree how to take forward e) Issue explored as part of public mental health strategy f) Members provided with good practice guidelines	July 2014 onwards Request made July 2014 As above As above Sept 2014 Autumn 2014 July 2014

