

Health Scrutiny Work Plan December 2023

To: Adults and Health Committee

Meeting Date: 14th December 2023

From: Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Outcome: To produce a health scrutiny work plan for 2024/25 which reflects members' priorities, is prioritised against agreed scrutiny objectives and which is able to respond to emerging local or national events

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to:

- a) review and comment on the current Health Scrutiny Work Plan attached at Appendix 1.
- b) provide feedback on the potential criteria for prioritising health scrutiny topics attached at Appendix 2.
- c) agree to use the afternoon of 25th January 2024 for a health scrutiny work planning workshop.

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Health Scrutiny Work Plan sets out the Adults and Health Committee's future work programme in relation to the discharge of its health scrutiny function.
- 1.2 Member review of the Health Scrutiny Work Plan at each committee meeting:
 - i. enables members to satisfy themselves that the Work Plan continues to reflect the Committee's priorities
 - ii. allows the programme to be amended to respond to any emerging issues which the Committee feels would benefit from scrutiny
 - iii. supports a broad-based Member-led approach
- 1.2.1 It was agreed in June 2023 that the Work Plan should be reviewed during the Committee's afternoon health scrutiny sessions when co-opted members are present, rather than in the morning session as part of the Committee's agenda plan.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The current Health Scrutiny Work Plan is attached at Appendix 1 for review and comment.
- 2.2 Looking forward, the aim is to develop an annual work programme which is informed by input from key sources including:
 - a) Cambridgeshire County Council's Strategic Framework 2023-28, which sets out the Council's ambitions
 - b) Committee members and Spokes
 - c) NHS Provider Quarterly Liaison Groups
 - d) Senior officers
 - e) Healthwatch
 - f) The Voluntary and Community Sector
 - g) Local residents
 - h) The Care Quality Commission
 - i) The Integrated Care Board
- 2.3 A long-list of potential topics is being collated which can then be assessed by members against agreed scrutiny objectives to prioritise items for inclusion in the 2024/25 Work Plan. The topics which have been suggested so far are attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.4 The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) says that work programming is about looking at the right topics, at the right time and in the right way. To deliver this it is proposed to create a framework of planned work which reflects the Council's ambitions and members' priorities, aligns with key dates for local providers and commissioners (for example, the publication of the local Integrated Care Board's accounts and annual report and milestones in the re-development of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital etc), while retaining the agility to add topics in-year in response to local or national events.
- 2.5 Potential criteria for prioritising topics are attached at Appendix 3, and member feedback on this would be welcome.

- 2.6 It is proposed to hold a workshop on the afternoon of Thursday 25th January (reserve committee date) for members to discuss and prioritise the 2024/25 workplan. This would include identifying any topics which they might want to progress through a rapid review or task and finish group.
- 2.6 Contact has been made with Peterborough City Council at officer level with a view to sharing learning on local health services, aligning work where this would add value and avoiding duplication of scrutiny activity where possible.

3. Alignment with ambitions

- 3.1 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

- 3.2 Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

- 3.3 Health inequalities are reduced

The following bullet point sets out details of implications identified by officers:

- Health scrutiny offers an opportunity for the Council to offer constructive challenge to NHS system partners around the measures they have in place to address health inequalities, and to identify and share examples of learning and best practice.

- 3.4 People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs

The following bullet point sets out details of implications identified by officers:

- Health scrutiny can identify and promote examples of best practice by NHS providers and commissioners which are of benefit to local residents. It can also examine and challenge areas of practice where concerns have been raised and make recommendations to service providers.

- 3.5 Helping people out of poverty and income inequality

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

- 3.6 Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

3.7 Children and young people have opportunities to thrive

- Health scrutiny supports the delivery of quality health care for all of Cambridgeshire's residents, including children and young people. The Adults and Health Committee invites representatives of the Children and Young People Committee to join relevant health scrutiny sessions and to take part in the discussions.

4. Significant Implications

4.1 Resource Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8 Climate Change and Environment Implications on Priority Areas:

There are no significant implications within this category.

5. Source documents

5.1 None

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Committee date	Agenda item	Lead organisation/s	Deadline for reports	Agenda despatch date
14/12/23	NHS workforce development: Primary Care and Nursing Workforce	C Iton, Chief People Officer ICS	01/12/23	06/12/23
	Improving health outcomes for people with learning disabilities	C Anderson, Chief Nursing Officer, ICS		
	Health Scrutiny Recommendations Tracker	R Greenhill		
	Health Scrutiny Work Plan	R Greenhill		
25/01/24	Development session		TBC	17/01/24
<i>Provisional</i>	<i>Health scrutiny work programme 2024/25</i>	<i>R Greenhill</i>		
<i>Provisional</i>	<i>Committee training or briefing session</i>	<i>TBC</i>		
07/03/24	Approval process for responses to NHS Quality Accounts 2023/24	R Greenhill	TBC	28/02/24
	Health Scrutiny Recommendations Tracker	R Greenhill		
	Health scrutiny work programme 2024/25	R Greenhill		

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead organisation/s	Deadline for reports	Agenda despatch date
25/04/24 Reserve Date	Development session		TBC	17/04/24
<i>Provisional</i>	<i>Committee training or briefing session</i>	<i>TBC</i>		
27/06/24			TBC	19/06/23
19/09/24 Reserve Date			TBC	11/09/24
<i>Provisional</i>				
10/10/24			TBC	02/10/24
12/12/24			TBC	04/12/24
23/01/25			TBC	15/01/24

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead organisation/s	Deadline for reports	Agenda despatch date
06/03/25			TBC	26/02/25
19/06/25			TBC	11/06/25

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Potential Health Scrutiny topics 2024/25

1. Strategic

- i. Shared Care Record Phase 2 (including social care records): Being scoped between now and end of December 2023. Possible scrutiny item in March or May/ June, depending on progress
- ii. Waiting lists for elective care
- iii. Winter planning 2024
- iv. Communication – making people aware of the services available and how to access them/ digital accessibility. This has been a recurring theme in several scrutiny sessions during the past year
- v. Structures for delivery of primary care services: Delivery of services by a range of healthcare professionals/ virtual wards and hybrid service delivery models/ digital delivery

2. Operational

- i. Mental health support – access to crisis medicines/ community support/ access to secure beds – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT)
- ii. East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST): Last CCC scrutiny 21.12.21
- iii. Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH) – Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of maternity services. Rated as Requires Improvement (report 04.09.23).
- iv. Pharmacy provision
- v. Dentistry
- vi. Residential care homes, in relation to the scope for health promotion and preventative measures to avoid health deterioration; how these considerations could be embedded at the earliest stages of planning new care homes; and the facilities which could be made available to benefit the wider community.
- vii. Children's mental health: Scrutinised previously 17.03.22 and 05.10.22. Potential lines of enquiry might include how this is supported by local health service providers; the role and availability of residential care locally; the health service support available locally to children and young people who self-harm; and an analysis following [Cllr Hoy's motion to Council - 25th January 2022](#) about the lack of children's mental health provision to compare the situation then and now.
- viii. Autism diagnosis and pathways for older girls: Proposed as a potential area for future scrutiny in discussion of children and young people's access to mental health support in 05.10.22].
- ix. Addressing health inequalities: Potential lines of enquiry: A comparative look at health facilities and provision in different districts, disparities and inequalities and how to address those; pre-disposing factors; does decentralisation support work to address health inequalities.
- x. Tackling obesity: Potential lines of enquiry: Prescribing and bariatric surgery; tackling obesity in children and young people; how much consultant or primary care time was being used for private care.
- xi. North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust's role in the work being done by the North Place Partnership.
- xii. Re-development of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. ICS partners have been undertaking work to review the services required at the new hospital and would welcome the opportunity to share the detail of this work and the outcomes with the committee, and to discuss the approach to engagement. Likely timing March – June 2024

Potential criteria for prioritising health scrutiny topics

1. Scrutiny is likely to result in improvements in health provision for local people
2. The topic aligns with the Council's Ambition 3: Health inequalities are reduced
3. The topic aligns with the Council's Ambition 4: People enjoy healthy, safe and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs
4. The topic aligns with the Council's Ambition 7: Children and young people have opportunities to thrive
5. The topic aligns with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and recommendations approved by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Care Partnership Board on 20th October 2023: [2023 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#).
6. The topic has been identified as an area of concern or one where scrutiny could add value by the Care Quality Commission or local partners or stakeholders
7. The topic is of concern to local people and attracting high levels of public dissatisfaction, evidenced through public consultation/ councillors' casework/ media attention.
8. A service is performing above expectations, attracting high levels of public satisfaction and/ or maximising the use of resources in innovative and potentially transferable ways, evidenced through public consultation/ councillors' casework/ media attention.