

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 28th March, 2012**

**Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee**  
**Provisional Work Programme for 2012/13**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the provisional work programme of the Committee for the 2012/13 municipal year and request that Members consider any amendments they would wish to make.

**Background**

2. Selecting the right topics is crucial to ensure scrutiny adds value to the work of the Council and partners and produce tangible outcomes for communities that result in real service improvements.
3. The Committee's provisional workplan is attached at appendix 1 for consideration. It highlights a number of priority areas for health and well-being along with planned service developments and transformation programmes likely to impact on Dudley's communities; including changes to meet new health structures stipulated by the Health and Social care Bill. It also comprises items arising from scrutiny during 2011/12 which the Committee agreed to monitor in 2012/13.
4. It is important to note the proposed areas of work are subject to stakeholder consultation and, in some instances further refinement; therefore what is outlined is subject to change.

**Finance**

5. There are no significant cost implications arising from this report.

**Law**

6. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, enables the Council to do anything, which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.
7. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees to review and scrutinise the actions of key health and social care bodies.

### **Equality Impact**

8. The work of the Committee can be seen as contributing to the equality agenda in its pursuit of improving care for all. This implies a challenge to ensure that services meet the needs of all sectors of the community to make this an even greater reality in Dudley.

### **Recommendation**

9. That consideration be given to the provisional work programme for the Committee for 2012/13 so that, following consideration and wider consultation, the formal work programme might be reported to the July 2012 meeting of the committee for approval.

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List of Background Papers

Provisional Work programme April 2011

## **Appendix 1**

### **Provisional Work Programme 2012/13**

Please note that routine and information items as per Council procedures have been excluded.

#### **Provider Services**

- Development of the Vascular Services Hub
- Future of Maternity Services in Dudley
- Emergency surgery and elderly care transformation
- Development of the Patient Experience Strategy
- Integrated living team and rehabilitation
- Progress of the Dudley Walsall Mental Health Trust – Joint Health Scrutiny with Walsall

#### **Commissioning Developments**

- Development of Black Country System Plan for Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs formerly referred to as GP Consortia) and the Quality, Innovation, Prevention and Productivity (QIPP) approach.
- CCG Authorisation Outcome

#### **Health Improvement and Advocacy**

- Development of a Local HealthWatch for Dudley and transfer of NHS Complaints to Local Authorities
- Shadow Health and Well-Being Board Development
- Reconfiguration of Public Health in Dudley

#### **Themed Committee Reviews**

- Follow-up of Dignity in Care Review Action Plan
- Caring for Carers – Final Recommendations
- New theme for 2012/13

There will also need to be slack in the system as there will be new matters requiring the attention of the Committee.