
Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) – 8th July 2008

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Scrutiny – A guide for HASC members

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the draft Scrutiny Guide for HASC members.

Background

2. This guide is intended to assist councillors sitting on Dudley's Select Committee's, particularly members of this Committee (HASC).
3. It provides an outline to the legislative framework within Scrutiny operates in Dudley, sets out principles which make the overall management and operation of scrutiny more effective. Moreover it focuses on the duties and responsibilities arising from HASC's statutory role for Health scrutiny which includes reviewing and scrutinising health services provided or commissioned by NHS services in Dudley.

Law

4. Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, requires most Councils to have developed an Executive and Scrutiny split by June 2002.
5. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health act 2007 gives statutory provision to local authorities with social services responsibilities to review and scrutinise health services or commissioned by NHS trusts through it's appropriate Select Committee i.e. HASC.

Equality Impact

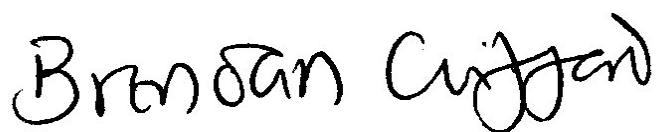
6. The aims of principles of this guide can be seen as contributing to the equality agenda in striving to improve health and well-being of all Dudley residents. This implies a challenge to ensure services meet the needs of all sectors of the community to make this an even greater reality in Dudley.

Finance

7. There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that:
- Select Committee approve the production of the guide.



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Background papers

None