
Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care – 7th July, 2009

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Work Programme for 2009/10

Purpose of Report

1. To recommend a work programme to the Committee for the 2009/10 municipal year.

Background

2. It is important that Overview and Scrutiny adds value to the work of the Council and produces tangible outcomes for local people that result in real service improvements. Selecting the right topics is crucial to ensure that Scrutiny will be effective.
3. Key stakeholders and partners, such as the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Dudley's Local Involvement Network (LINK) have been consulted on the development of this years work plan in order to ensure its effective development – the proposed work plan is attached at **appendix 1** for approval.
4. During the course of the year there will be new health matters arising that may require the attention of the Committee, so there is a need to keep some slack in the system.
5. During the course of 2009/10 the Committee will also be invited to consider the following standing items:-
 - Update of the Council's Capital Strategy
 - Equality and Diversity and Complaints Reports for the Directorate of Adult Community and Housing Services.
 - Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Reports
 - Annual Review of Equality and Diversity 2009
6. Pursuant to HASC's terms of reference Members should also consider commissioning a scrutiny review: an in-depth investigation of a particular

subject in order to recommend proposals for change. There is capacity in the work programme to undertake at least one Scrutiny review of a specific service area during the municipal year. Should members consider that a specific issue requires a scrutiny review an ad hoc working group will be appointed to consider the specific issue and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

7. Reviews sometimes require the views of Members and council officers to assist with their investigations as well as the opinions of other people such as experts in a particular field, service users or members of the general public. The findings and conclusions of the working-group will go before the Committee for consideration before being published in booklet format and circulated to wider stakeholders and practitioners within the statutory Health and Social care field, including and other interested parties.
8. Members may wish to pursue one of the following review topics which include areas identified both through local review by Health bodies and in the light of national agendas:
 - Review of Access to Dentistry services – On average, 58% of adults in Dudley, visit their Dentist for regular check-ups; this is 5% under the national target rate. Access to Orthodontic services in Borough is also limited.
 - Access to sexual health services – Dudley has been identified as an area with one of the worst Chlamydia screening rates nationally. The review consider way to address this gap and also assess the delivery wider sexual health services.
 - Improving the health of the workforce- There is considerable national evidence that a healthy workforce is more effective and efficient. The review would consider what steps are being taken by the PCT and the Council as employers in encouraging a healthy workforce.
 - The implementation of Dignity of Care - dignity and respect of older people in hospital (an opportune review for LINK involvement).
 - Review of the provision of Recreational type facilities for older people in residential settings.
 - Access to Dementia Services - Due to an increasingly elderly population dementia and other mental health conditions problems are becoming more prevalent and more people with

these complaints have the need to access secondary care for physical ailments.

Referrals from other Council bodies

9. At its meeting on 7 July HASC, will be invited to consider referrals from the Council and Licensing and Safety Committee in relation to car-park charges and 'channels of communication' between Members and DGOH. The Committee will need to decide whether to pursue with the referrals from both bodies as part of its work plan.

Terms of Reference and supporting material

10. It should be emphasised that the Terms of Reference attached at appendix 2 may be subject to change during the course of the year in the light of amendments to Health Scrutiny legislation and guidance expected to be announced later this year – *parliamentary timetable in run-up to General Elections allowing.*

Guide

11. Members should be advised that a guide for scrutiny members is available and was circulated in electronic format to HASC Members prior to today's meeting. The guide presents both a useful overview to the legislative framework within which scrutiny operates and a focus on the duties and responsibilities specifically relating to HASC, arising from its statutory role for Health scrutiny. Again it should be noted that the content therein is subject to change in view of changes to guidance referred to in paragraph 7.

Glossary

12. A glossary of useful Health and Adult Social Care terms will be available in all agenda packs during the course of year. Whilst not exhaustive, it aims to cover terminology most likely to found in HASC reports – so as not to be cumbersome for Members.

Watching brief

13. A 'watching brief' feature is being introduced this year. Circulated at regular intervals during the course of the year, it will capture developments relating to the Health and Social Care economy both nationally and locally for information purposes. This may include for example early commissioning developments or updates on amendments to national guidance etc. It is hoped this feature will improve the manageability of HASC meetings and augment knowledge and understanding of the Health Economy to assist members in their scrutiny role.

Finance

14. There are no direct financial implications arising from the content of this report.

Law

15. 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.

Equality Impact

16. 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

17. It is recommended that :
 - o Members consider the work programme set out in the body of this report and comment as appropriate
 - o Members consider select a topic for in-depth review

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List of Background Papers

Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care work programme 2008/9,
report of the Lead Officer HASC

Appendix 1

The following work programme for 2009/10 is proposed :-

N.B There may a need to re-structure the programme from time to time owing to external developments. As such, the schedule presented below is subject to change.

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Item</u>
07/07/08	<p>Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report</p> <p>The Chair and Vice Chair will have the opportunity to query the performance standards in the document at agenda planning for further clarification or review. Responses will be reported back to the regular Committee or the individual Member, depending on the nature of the query.</p>
	<p>HASC Work Programme for 2008/09</p> <p>To consider the work plan for the municipal year Members will be invited to add, subtract omit and prioritise items and appoint a working group review a particular subject relating to Health and Social Care.</p> <p><i>Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee</i></p>
	<p>Co-opting a LINK Member onto HASC</p> <p>Consider the announcement of the Leader approving the appointment of the LINK member on to HASC.</p> <p>Consider the revised LINK HASC relationship protocol</p> <p><i>Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee</i></p>
	<p>Implementation of the PCTs Sexual health strategy</p> <p>Sexual Health was identified as a priority area in the Director Public Health's report published last year. PCT have previously advised HASC of plans to</p>

develop a strategy and action plan in order tackle this issue. HASC may wish to assess the delivery of services and support agencies against this strategy.

Report of the Primary Care Trust

Review of Complaints – Annual Report, Summary of comments and compliments in relation to provision of Adult Social Care in Dudley

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Annual Review of the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services Equality and Diversity Action Plan for 2009/10

Report of the Director DACHS

Swine-Flu Update

To consider an update on the prevalence of the virus locally and the associated measures in place to protect Dudley's citizens.

Report of the Primary Care Trust

17/09/09

Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Work of the Gateway Foundation in Dudley

To consider the activity of the third sector body in Dudley around providing opportunities for mentorship, training and education to ex-offenders and recovering drug addicts.

Report of the Gateway Foundation

West Midlands Ambulance Trust – Application for Foundation Trust Status

The WMAS will be consulting on its bid for Foundation Trust Status. The consultation is expected to be launched September 1. This will present the opportunity for the Committee examine the extent to which the proposals will impact on local service delivery.

Changes to Health Scrutiny Legislation

DH will be launching a review to establish how overview and scrutiny committees and the NHS can work more effectively together to achieve better, safer, modernised health services. The information collected will be used to help develop amendments to current policy and guidance. The consultation may lead to significant changes to powers, duties and responsibilities of HASC and indeed other Committees charged with carrying out Health Scrutiny.

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Annual Report of the Select Committee for 2008/09

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Dudley-Walsall Mental Health Trust – ‘One year on’

A joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with Walsall was formed in December 2007 to respond to proposals to form a single mental health service in Dudley and Walsall. This followed concerns that merging with services with Walsall may impact negatively on provision for Dudley residents in view of Walsall's inferior performance ratings.

‘One year on’ provides the opportunity for Members measure the changes to service delivery since the new Trust resumed responsibility for services from the PCT in 2008.

The report will also consider an update the on development Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services commissioned by the PCT and how this links in with wider MH provision.

Joint Report of the Dudley Walsall Mental Health Trust and Dudley PCT

Encouraging a Healthy Workforce

To consider the steps that are being taken by the Council and PCT as employers in encouraging a healthy workforce.

Report of Director Corporate Personnel

19/11/09

Update of the **Council's Capital Strategy**

Report of Finance Director

Quarterly **Corporate Performance Management Report**

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Implementation of Dudley's Alcohol strategy

In March 2008 the Committee considered a report on the delivery against the current alcohol strategy (2006), highlighting initiatives that aim to reduce alcohol misuse and advising members of the development of the new alcohol Strategy.

The Committee commented on priorities, targets in the draft strategy in 2008 and therefore may wish to review local implementation and assess service delivery of agencies against the strategy's action plan.

Report of the Chief Executive

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards – Update

DoLS provide protection for people living in a care home or in hospital who are deprived of their liberty for the purpose of providing treatment or care; these could include people with dementia, acquired brain injury or a severe learning disability.

HASC considered a report detailing the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS), which came into effect 1 April 2009 as part of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 as amended by the Mental Health Act 2007.

HASC resolved to receive a report at a future meeting updating Members on local implementation of DoLS to include information on the frequency and nature of DoLS cases, where appropriate since the new legislation came into force April 1.

Dudley's Healthy Town Initiative – Lets Go Outside

The Healthy Towns Programme was funded from the Community Challenge Fund, which is jointly funded by the Department of Health (DoH) and the Department for Children and Family Services (DCFS). Nine towns, including Dudley successfully bid for a share of the £30 million to work towards the vision of becoming a healthy town.

At its meeting in March the Committee requested six monthly updates on the progress of the Lets Go Outside project to ensure value for money was being achieved.

28/01/10

Council Budget

To consider the Council Budgets as it relates to the terms of reference of the Committee

Report of the Director of Finance

Dudley's integrated Stroke Service

HASC should track recommendations set out in its review of Dudley's multi-agency integrated stroke service carried out in 2008. It may also wish to assess the delivery of services against the Stroke Services Action plan in the light of DH's National Stroke Strategy.

Report of the Primary Care Trust

Annual Report of the Director of Public Health (DPH)

DPH annual report presents to opportunity to identify gaps or weaknesses in particular service area across the borough in improving the health of Dudley's citizens and reducing Health inequalities.

It is envisaged that once published the document will present a number of topics for further scrutiny.

Report of the PCT

22/03/09

Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services **Equality and Diversity Action Plan** for 2009/10

Report of the Assistant Director DACHS

Annual Report of the Safeguarding Board

Report of the Director DACHS

Annual Health Check 2009/10

Information relating to key Government health care performance standards that make up the Care Quality Commission's **Annual Health Check** will be collected throughout the year. This will inform the Committee's comments of the Trusts' performance to be submitted to the CQC which will be considered as part of its performance assessment process.

Each Trust will be invited to present its self assessment of compliance against the Health Check performance Standards to HASC for comments.

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Findings of HASC's working group

To consider findings of the in-depth review commissioned by the Committee earlier in the year to influence policy review and development in relation to particular service area. This will include specific recommendations aimed at improving services for Dudley's citizens.

Report of the working-group/Lead Officer

Future Developments

In the course of the year there will be new health matters arising which will require the attention of the Committee, so there is a need to keep some slack in the system.

Appendix 2

The Terms of Reference of the Committee provide for the Committee to fulfil All of the overview and scrutiny functions as they relate to:-

- the improvement of local health and adult social/health care services, as a contribution to the Council's community leadership role.
- to create an annual Scrutiny Plan.
- to make reports and recommendations to local National Health Service (NHS) bodies and to the Council on any matter reviewed or scrutinised which explain the matter reviewed, summarise the evidence considered, provides a list of participants in the scrutiny exercise, and makes any recommendations on the matter reviewed as appropriate.
- to proactively receive information within given timescales, with some exceptions set out in Government Guidance, requested from local NHS bodies.
- to be consulted by and respond to (as appropriate) NHS bodies in connection with the rationale behind any proposal and options for change to local health services made by the NHS.
- to ensure the involvement of local stakeholders, e.g. by co-opting individuals, as appropriate, to facilitate the work of the Committee.
- to consider referrals from the Local Involvement Network
- to act in accordance with Government Guidance relating to Health and Scrutiny.