
Health Scrutiny Committee – 16th July 2014

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Work Programme - 2014/15

Purpose of Report

1. To approve the health scrutiny work plan for 2014/15 further to recent stakeholder consultation and engagement with system leaders.

Background

2. Successful scrutiny is contingent on effective work planning and close dialogue across partnership arrangements.
3. Key health improvement bodies (including Dudley's Clinical Commissioning Group Dudley Group of Hospitals and Public Health) have been engaged in the development of the 2014/15 work plan; helping lay the foundations for targeted, incisive and timely work on issues of local importance. This is attached at Appendix 1 for approval.
4. The proposed programme also factors in issues identified by the Committee during 2013/14 and accounts for Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board imperatives; so as to maximise areas where scrutiny can add value.

Statutory Consultation

5. A degree of flexibility needs to be built into the system, enabling scrutiny to be responsive to service developments; particularly against a background of complex organisational change and unprecedented financial pressures as transformational reform continues to bed-down. Similarly, some issues that have been included in the proposed plan may be overtaken by events.

In-depth Review

6. Arising from the recent Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting the proposed theme for in-depth review for 2014/15 is: Sports Participation and Physical Activity. The rationale for engaging scrutiny on this theme, including links to Council objectives, is attached at appendix 2 for consideration.

7. As such it is proposed that a working group is appointed to determine the scope of work and oversee resultant recommendations; based on input and evidence from specific field specialists and other expert contributors throughout 2014/15.

Finance

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

Law

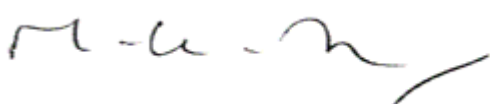
9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, enables the Council to do anything, which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.
10. Health and Social Care Act 2012 provides for elected members to review and scrutinise providers and commissioners of health, care and well-being services with the particular aim of securing even better health outcomes across local communities.

Equality Impact

11. 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

12. It is recommended that the Committee:
 - notes the contents of this report and approve the proposed work plan at appendix 1 and;
 - appoint a working group to advance the proposed in-depth review at appendix 2.



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Appendix 1

The following work programme for 2014/15 is proposed based on recent dialogue across key health improvement agencies:-

July

- Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) : Urgent Care Developments
- Dudley Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust (DWMHPT) and Dudley Group of Hospitals (DGHFT): Care Quality Commission Inspection Outcomes
- 2014/15 Committee Review: Participation in Physical Activity - Scoping

September

- CCG/Council: Better Care Fund Planning and Care Act Reforms – Update
- DGHFT : Delayed Transfers of Care and A&E
- NHS England: Primary Care Development – The Dudley Picture

November

- NHS England/Sandwell CCG: Regional Review of Stroke Services – Future for Dudley
- DWMHPT: Older Adult mental health service Review - Dudley and Walsall.
- DGHFT: Patient Experience Vision Forward : Out-Patients
- NHS England: Child and Adolescent Mental Health – Acute Provision

January

- Public Health: NHS Health Check Implementation
- Delivery Against Committee Review Action Plans: Tobacco Control Review 2013/14

February

- West Midlands Ambulance Service DWMHPT DGHFT:NHS Quality Accounts – Delivery against 2013/14 Improvement Priorities

March

- NHS Black Country Partnership Trust – Specialist Learning Disabilities Services
- 2014/15 Committee Review: Participation in Physical Activity - Interim Report
- Committee Review Follow-up: Caring for Carers and Dignity In Care

Health Scrutiny Committee		
Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing	
Area for Scrutiny	Dudley Physical Activity and Sport Strategy	
Council Priorities		
	Health & Well Being Objectives – within the Council Plan	Reducing obesity and improving people's physical health and encouraging health lifestyle choices.
		Increasing participation in leisure, recreational and cultural activities for learning, health improvement, socialising and personal growth.
		Ensure strategies, programmes and services are in place that will contribute to reducing health inequalities and increase the quality and effectiveness of health care.
	Linkages to existing Plans and Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 'Wellbeing for Life' – Dudley Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Dudley Health & Wellbeing Board Obesity Strategy – Playing Pitch Strategy – Active Travel Strategy

	National Policy linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Government Sporting Habit for Life 2013 – Government Moving More, Living More 2013 – Public Health England Physical Activity Framework 2014 – Sport England - Youth & Community Strategy 2012-2017 – Physical Activity Alliance – Turning the Tide on Physical Inactivity 2014 – National Governing Body of Sport – Whole Sport Plans 2013-2017 – Association of Colleges – Growing Sport, Growing Colleges 2011-2015 – Youth Sport Trust – Sport Changes Lives 2013-2018 – Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership – Strategic Economic Plan 2015-2021 – Black Country Be-Active Partnership – Sport & Physical Activity Framework 2014
Context	<p>Physical inactivity is now the 4th leading risk factor for global mortality impacting adversely on a wide range of health and social outcomes.</p> <p>A third of Dudley residents only undertake 30 minutes or less physical activity a week. A third of school children in Dudley are undertaking less than recommended levels of physical activity.</p> <p>Increasing participation in sports is an important component in achieving increased physical activity levels in the Borough. 12 National Governing Bodies of sport have identified Dudley as a priority for action in their Whole Sport plan delivery.</p> <p>There is a need to refresh and renew the strategic approach to increasing physical activity levels in the Borough; looking at the role that the Council may play in the context of a declining public sector financial resource.</p>	

<p>Rationale</p>	<p>While achieving improved levels of participation in sports will generate improved economic, social and community safety outcomes; increasing physical activity across the board is predicted to have a major impact on health outcomes in the Borough with evidenced gain in quality adjusted life years. Policy development in this endeavour is of major concern to the Health Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>What are we asking from the Scrutiny Committee?</p>	<p>The proposition is that the Health Scrutiny Committee contributes to policy and development of the Borough's drive to achieve increased levels of physical activity by its citizens.</p> <p>The Committee may wish to follow a process analogous to that of the tobacco control scrutiny undertaken in 2013-14 i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping the scrutiny by examining current draft strategy and position papers; determining key lines of enquiry for scrutiny focus; determining expert witnesses to be called. • Issuing open invitation for submissions. • Receiving written and oral evidence from Council Officers; expert external witnesses; community witnesses. • Synthesising evidence received and making recommendations. <p>Experience from 2013-14 shows that this would require internal informal evidence sessions in addition the formally timetabled meetings (up to 3/4 additional sessions)</p>