

Report to HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

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Purpose of the Report

For the Health Scrutiny Committee to review the Committee's Work Programme for 2021/22.

Recommendations

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the attached Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22.

1. Background

- 1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.1 requires each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to prepare and maintain a Committee Work Programme.
- 1.2 The Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme presents the issues that the Committee will be considering and scrutinising during the 2021/22 Municipal Year. The Health Scrutiny Committee is working to new terms of reference as agreed by the Council in June 2020 -
- a) To discharge all health scrutiny functions of the Council under s 21-23 and 26-27 of The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 including:
 - the review and scrutiny of any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the Council's area;
 - the making of reports and recommendations to relevant NHS bodies and health service providers;
 - responding to proposals and consultations from NHS bodies in respect of substantial variations in service provision and any other major consultation exercises;
 - referral of comments and recommendations on proposals referred to the Committee by a relevant NHS body or relevant service provider to the Secretary of State if considered necessary; and
 - all matters relating to Healthwatch.
 - b) To scrutinise the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board, including the development, implementation, review and monitoring of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
 - c) To scrutinise the development and implementation of any joint arrangements established under a s75 Agreement between the Council and a relevant NHS organisation.
 - d) To scrutinise public health services generally.
 - e) To scrutinise issues identified as requiring improvement by external assessors in respect of social care matters.
 - f) To establish Task and Finish groups, Inquiries etc to give in depth consideration to issues within the purview of the Committee.
 - g) To consider called in business arising from the Commissioning Partnership Board.
 - h) To consider relevant matters referred from Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.11(g).
 - i) To make recommendations to the Cabinet, Health and Wellbeing Board, the Commissioning Partnership Board or to any partner organisation on issues scrutinised relevant to those bodies.
 - j) To participate in/and or review the considerations of any joint committee established to respond to formal consultations by an NHS body on an issue which impacts on the residents of more than on Overview and Scrutiny Committee area.
- 1.3 The Health Scrutiny Committee holds delegated powers to undertake the Council's statutory health scrutiny function, the principal elements of which are specified in the terms of reference. Since establishment of those statutory responsibilities much has changed in both NHS structures and service delivery, not least in developing integrated health and social care services. The progress of integration means it would be difficult to meaningfully separate out health scrutiny from scrutiny of the Council's social care

services that fall in scope of the 'Section 75 Agreement' between the Council and the Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) without the risk of significant duplication of time and effort. As a result, the Committee now holds some responsibility for scrutiny relating to social care. Reflecting this, the Committee has a particular scrutiny role with regard to the Commissioning Partnership Board. Reflecting a broader definition of 'health' than the statutory function, the Committee has a 'lighter touch' scrutiny role in respect of the Health and Wellbeing Board and matters related to the Council's Public Health function.

- 1.4 The Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 attached as an Appendix to this report has been reviewed since Committee Members met informally on 6th July 2021. The principal areas of change reflects the publication of the Health and Care Bill on 6th July 2021 which supersedes previous references to the NHS White Paper from that date, and the intention to hold briefing sessions in respect of the Bill and its implications, in addition to the formal reports being submitted to the Committee.
- 1.5 Since the previous meeting, members of the Committee have received copies of –
 - a) the Healthwatch Oldham Annual Report 2020/21; and
 - b) the Dr Kershaw's Hospice Quality Accounts 2020/21.
- 1.6 At the meeting of the Council held on 14th July 2021, the Council received and noted the following reports of the Health Scrutiny Committee that had been prepared following the Committee's detailed consideration of Council Motions which had been referred to the Committee for consideration –
 - a) Ban on Fast Food and Energy Drink Advertising; and
 - b) Not every Disability is Visible.

2. **Background Papers**

- 2.1 There are no background papers as defined by Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to this report.

3. **Appendices**

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 v2.