



Report to Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee 23rd July 2014

Report of: Nutrition & Hydration Working Group

Subject: Nutrition & Hydration Working Group: Phase 2– Draft Reports & Recommendations

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Summary:

In November 2012, this Committee established the Nutrition and Hydration in Hospitals Working Group, to look at the quality of food in Sheffield’s hospitals, as well as the support that people get to eat and drink whilst they are in hospital. The Committee agreed that the focus of this work would be on adults.

The first phase of the work focussed on the Northern General Hospital and a report was subsequently produced and shared with the Trust.

In November 2013 the Committee agreed to extend the piece of work to include observation visits to Weston Park, Royal Hallamshire including the Jessops Wing and the Sheffield Children’s Hospital (on behalf of the Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny Committee). This report covers this second phase of the work undertaken by the group and includes the full draft reports from the visits (Appendix A & B).

The Working Group would like to present the final draft reports to this Scrutiny Committee for approval along with the group’s recommendations.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other: Working Group - draft Report and recommendations	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Approve the two Reports which have been produced by the Nutrition & Hydration Working Group (Appendix A & Appendix B)
- Agree to formally share the Reports with the respective Trusts and request a response.

Background Papers:

n/a

Category of Report: OPEN

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Nutrition & Hydration Working Group – Draft Report & Scrutiny Recommendations

1. Introduction/Context

1.0 The Nutrition & Hydration Task & Finish Group is a sub group of the Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

1.1 A public question was put to the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 17th October 2012, raising concerns about the quality of hospital food in Sheffield. The Committee subsequently agreed to establish a Working Group to look at the quality of food as well as the support that people get to eat and drink whilst they are in hospital.

1.2 The original piece of work focussed on the Northern General Hospital, following which a report was produced and shared with the Trust. This report is available at www.sheffield.gov.uk/scrutiny

1.3 In November 2013 the Committee agreed to extend the piece of work to include observation visits to Weston Park, Royal Hallamshire including the Jessops Wing and the Sheffield Children's Hospital (on behalf of the Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny Committee).

1.4 As appendices this document includes

- The report relating to the visit to the Hallamshire Hospital, Weston Park and Jessops Wing which took place on 20th March 2014 (appendix A).
- The report relating to the visit to the Sheffield Children's Hospital Trust which took place on 3rd March 2014 (appendix B).

2.0 Matters for consideration

2.1 The Group requested that their visit provide the following opportunities:

- To be able to visit during a meal time
- To see some of the different aspects of the food production system in terms of food preparation and distribution.
- To be able to speak to staff and patients about their experiences

2.2 It should be noted that Scrutiny is not an inspection regime and that both reports relate to single visits undertaken in March 2014, they therefore capture a “snap shot” of a particular day and need to be considered in the context of all other research and consultation undertaken by the Trust.

2.3 A draft of each report was shared with the respective Trust for comments / feedback

3.0 What does this mean for the people of Sheffield?

3.1 High quality nutrition and hydration in Hospitals is an issue which is important for the health and well-being of the people of Sheffield.

4.0 Recommendations

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