



Report to Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Wednesday 9th December 2020

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Draft Work Programme

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The report sets out the Committee's draft work programme for consideration and discussion.

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	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Consider and comment on the work programme

Category of Report: OPEN

1 What is the role of Scrutiny?

- 1.1 Scrutiny Committees exist to hold decision makers to account, investigate issues of local concern, and make recommendations for improvement.
- 1.2 Scrutiny Committees can operate in a number of ways – through formal meetings with agenda items, single item ‘select committee’ style meetings, task and finish groups, and informal visits and meetings to gather evidence to inform scrutiny work. Committees can hear from Council Officers, Cabinet Members, partner organisations, expert witnesses, members of the public – and has a link to patient and public voice through observer members from HealthWatch sitting on the Committee. Scrutiny Committees are not decision making bodies, but can make recommendations to decision makers.
- 1.3 This Committee has additional powers and responsibilities in relation to scrutinising NHS services. The Committee can scrutinise the planning, provision and operation of any NHS services, and where a ‘substantial variation’ to NHS services is planned, the NHS is required to discuss this with the Scrutiny Committee. If the Committee considers that the proposed change is not in the best interests of the local area, or that consultation on the proposal has been inadequate, it can refer the proposal to the Secretary of State for Health for reconsideration.

2 The Scrutiny Work Programme

- 2.1 Attached is the draft work programme for the Committee’s consideration. The response to the Covid-19 emergency has implications for how scrutiny operates. There is a recognition that working through virtual meetings requires a different approach to traditional Town Hall meetings, and a suggestion that Committees should meet for a maximum of two hours, with a more limited number of agenda items. The draft work programme reflects this.
- 2.2 Given the constantly evolving nature of the Covid-19 emergency, we will take a flexible approach in planning scrutiny work, to enable us to respond appropriately as new issues emerge. Members of the Committee can also raise any issues relating to the work programme via the Chair or Policy and Improvement Officer at any time.

3 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- Consider and comment on the draft work programme

HC&ASC Draft Work Programme

Date	Issue
January 13 th 2021	<i>Health Inequalities and Covid 19 – to consider how the Covid-19 has affected health inequalities in the City, and plans to tackle this. (Greg Fell)</i>
February 10 th 2021	<i>Impact of Covid 19 on Hospital Waiting lists – to consider what the impact has been in Sheffield and plans moving forwards.</i>
March 10 th 2021	<i>Sheffield Health & Social Care Trust – CQC Improvement Plan Progress Update – focussing on what the changes will mean for people who use services. (Jan Ditheridge/Mike Hunter SHSCFT)</i> <i>Mental Health and Covid 19 – update following August 2020 Scrutiny discussion including progress made on actions from the Rapid Health Impact Assessment work. (Heather Burns, Steve Thomas, NHS Sheffield CCG, Sam Martin SCC)</i>
Potential Issues for consideration	
<p><i>Impact of Covid on access to dental services and opticians.</i></p> <p><i>Impact of lockdown and social isolation on health and wellbeing – possible working group - To understand the impact of lockdown and isolation on wellbeing; to consider action the City is taking to minimise the negative impact of this.</i></p> <p><i>Direct Payments To consider the review of the direct payment model and help shape future direction</i></p> <p><i>All Age Disability Approach - Transition for young people into adulthood – improving outcomes. Initially focussed on social care. Possible joint work with Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</i></p> <p><i>People Keeping Well – to consider how the People Keeping Well programme is operating and performing.</i></p> <p><i>Changes to National Public Health Structures – to consider local impact of national public health structure changes.</i></p>	

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