



Report to Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 24th November 2021

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
- Consider, comment on and agree the proposal to establish a Scrutiny ICS Liaison Group and appoint members to it.

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 funded 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. We will take a flexible approach in planning scrutiny work, to enable us to respond appropriately as new issues emerge.
- 2.2 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 Proposal to establish a Scrutiny ICS Liaison Group

- 3.1 The Committee has identified the development of the South Yorkshire Integrated Care System as an issue it would like to monitor. A draft proposal for how this could be undertaken through a Scrutiny ICS Liaison Group is attached at appendix 1 for the Committee’s consideration and agreement.
- 3.2 If the Committee agrees the establishment of the Scrutiny ICS Liaison Group, it will need to appoint members of the Committee to sit on it.

4 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- Consider and comment on the draft work programme
- Consider, comment on and agree the proposal to establish a Scrutiny ICS Liaison Group and appoint members to it.

HC&ASC Draft Work Programme 2021/22

Date	Issue
November 24th 2021	<p>Social Care & Covid Recovery – Committee to consider social care performance and key issues currently facing social care services in Sheffield (SCC- Alexis Chappell)</p> <p>Covid Winter Briefing – Committee to hear from Director of Public Health re plans and preparations for Covid going into winter.</p>
January 26th 2022	<p>CCG Response to the Scrutiny Report on Continence Services – NHS Sheffield CCG – Sarah Burt.</p> <p>Adult Dysfluency Services – Update on future service model – NHS CCG, Sheffield Children’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.</p>
March 23 rd 2022	
Potential Issues for consideration:	
<p>Mental Health Services– recovery from Covid; green prescribing/role of nature in mental health services; service provision for veterans; CQC progress.</p> <p>Impact of Covid on access to dental services – progress report following Committee’s consideration of this issue in February 2021.</p> <p>Development of the South Yorkshire ICS – watching brief on the development of the ICS, including the ToR and the role of scrutiny.</p> <p>Primary Care Capital Transformation – to follow progress after discussion at September 20th Meeting.</p>	

Draft Proposal

Sheffield Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – ICS Liaison Group

Background

The HCASC Scrutiny Committee has set out views relating to the development of the ICS following its discussion in September 2021:

- The development of the ICS should not lead to increased privatisation of the NHS in Sheffield, and seeks assurance that private providers will not sit on the ICS Board.
- Stresses the importance of local accountability in the NHS, and is keen to see that mechanisms that allow local people and Councillors to engage with, and challenge, the NHS are a valued part of the ICS;
- Engagement with seldom heard groups should be a priority for the developing ICS;
- Should maximise on opportunities to deliver on the City's carbon reduction and ethical procurement commitments;
- Public Health expertise should be sufficiently represented in ICS structure;
- consideration should be given as to how the NHS will engage with Local Area Committees in the new system; and
- changes resulting from the development of the ICS should empower front line staff, not be detrimental to them.

The Committee is keen to develop a mechanism to stay abreast of the development of the ICS, and how the Committee's views are being taken on board. They are particularly keen to monitor:

- ToR / MoU of the SYICS as they are being drawn up (ensuring no private providers on Board; maximum local accountability; balance of power & interests on the Partnership membership)
- Future relationship of place-based Scrutiny and South Yorkshire-wide joint Scrutiny with SYICS

Proposal

Sheffield Scrutiny ICS Liaison Group

A small number of HCASC Scrutiny Members (cross party) meet monthly, virtually, with the relevant CCG, ICS and SCC officers, to receive updates on the development of the SY ICS and impact on Sheffield.

The Liaison group reports back into the main Scrutiny Committee, flagging any issues/concerns/recommendations that may be directed to –

- CCG/ICS/SCC Officers re development of the ICS and Sheffield's role in it
- South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee re role of joint scrutiny
- Sheffield City Council – Governance Committee re role of place based statutory health Scrutiny in Sheffield.