



## **STANDING SCRUTINY REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ISSUES**

To: Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

Notes of: Committee Administrator

### **BRIEFING NOTES RE. WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

#### **Background**

1. At this, the first scheduled meeting of the new Council year, the Panel should consider what issues to include in its work programme for the next 12 months.
2. Clearly there will be a need for flexibility so that any emerging issues which require the Panel's attention can be accommodated.
3. One suggestion considered in 2013/14, carried forward to 2014/15 and then carried forward to this year is a piece of work on the theme of 'carers'. The members of the Panel at the time had differing opinions on whether to focus on paid or unpaid carers.
4. Additionally, the Panel has been asked by the Scrutiny Management Team of 2014/15 to consider including reviews relating to 'Activities on mental health wards', 'Investigation of Social Care Provision' and 'Social Care' in its work programme.
5. The newly appointed Scrutiny Management Team has suggested that, in view of the recent reviews on social care, the Panel place further emphasis on health issues this year.

#### **Current Position**

6. Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting are updates on some issues which were addressed by the Panel during the course of the last Council year. Members should decide whether these should be carried forward for further attention/monitoring this year.
7. As previously indicated the Scrutiny Management Team has asked the Panel to consider taking up the suggestions put forward relating to –

- **Activities on mental health wards**  
*This suggestion was put forward by the 2014/15 Panel Leader. She believes that there is a need for more appropriate activities for patients, to aid recovery.*
  - **Investigation of Social Care Provision**  
*This suggestion was put forward by a member of the public asking for an 'Investigation of Social Care Provision including time taken from submission of forms to decision and any potential impacts on other service provision'. As social care provision is a very wide topic, further details were sought but were not forthcoming.*
  - **Social Care**  
*This suggestion was also put forward by a member of the public who was concerned that the social care service was being cut back and was hurting older people.*
8. In the light of the above, a draft work programme is appended to this briefing note for discussion, amendment and final approval

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### HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

#### DRAFT WORK PLAN 2015/16

<b>Panel Membership</b>	Councillors: N. Ahmed      A. Mahmood S. Benson      N. McEvoy W. Blackburn      G. Roach K. Hartley      C. Wakeford				
	Co-optees: Councillor D. Whalley				
<b>Exec Member(s)</b>	Councillor D. Whalley				
<b>Work Plan</b>					
<b>JUNE 30</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 17</b>	<b>JANUARY 12</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>	<b>C/fwd to 2016/17</b>
2015/16 Work Programme including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities on mental health wards</li> <li>• Investigation of social care provision</li> <li>• Social Care and potentially carry forward</li> <li>• Carers</li> </ul>					
Update from LCC re improving standards to adult social care and changes to care complaints procedures	Public Health update from LCC				
Scrutiny Review of District Nursing Provision – Update on the transformation partnership	Changing Places – Update				
North West Ambulance Service					
CCG update					
Developing a Dementia Friendly Community – monitoring report					