

# Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

## Agenda

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**Date:** Thursday, 4th April, 2013

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Venue:** The Capesthorpe Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2013

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

4. **Declaration of Party Whip**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda

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For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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**5. Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: in order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public notified the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda at least one working day before the meeting with brief details of the matter to be covered.

**6. Clinical Commissioning Groups Briefing**

To receive a briefing outlining the roles and responsibilities, structures, and plans for 2013/14 of the Borough's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

Officers of the Clinical Commissioning Groups will attend the meeting to provide a presentation.

**7. Committee Protocol with the South Cheshire CCG and the Eastern Cheshire CCG (Pages 5 - 14)**

To approve a protocol with the South Cheshire CCG and the Eastern Cheshire CCG.

The former Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee had a protocol with the Central and Eastern Primary Care Trust (PCT). Due to the new arrangements for the organisation of health services a new protocol is required between the Committee and the Clinical Commissioning Groups which began operations on 1 April 2013. Attached is the proposed protocol to be adopted by the Committee.

**8. Health and Wellbeing Board Update**

To receive an oral update on the Health and Wellbeing Board

**9. Work Programme (Pages 15 - 18)**

To review the current Work Programme (attached).

**10. Consultations from Cabinet**

To note any consultations referred to the Committee from Cabinet and to determine whether any further action is appropriate.

**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**  
held on Thursday, 7th March, 2013 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

**PRESENT**

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)

Councillors R Domleo, I Faseyi, D Hough, W Livesley, M J Weatherill,  
F Keegan (Substitute for Councillor J Saunders) and P Butterill (Substitute for  
Councillor A Moran)

**Apologies**

Councillors A Harewood, A Moran and J Saunders

**ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor J Clowes – Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Social Care  
Councillor S Gardiner – Cabinet Support for Health and Adult Social Care  
Councillors S Jones and C Andrew  
Barrie Towse – Local Involvement Network (LINK)  
Fiona Field – South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Tony Crane – Deputy Director of Children Services  
Mark Nedderman – Senior Scrutiny Officer  
James Morley – Scrutiny Officer

**99 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

**100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**101 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of party whip.

**102 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

Ms Mabel Taylor attended the meeting to address the Committee regarding respite care. She suggested that there were 4,500 sufferers of dementia in the Borough however it had been reported that there was little take up of local authority respite care offers which meant the Council was proposing to close respite services such as Mountview in Congleton. She went on to suggest that as

carers saved the Council money by providing care for their relatives that would otherwise be paid for by the Council there should be provision for respite care to provide carers with the opportunity for time out for themselves to recharge their batteries. She finished by suggesting that due to the closure of Bexton Court people needing care in the North West of the Borough needed to be transported to other centres in the East of the Borough which could not be ideal for those suffering dementia and their carers.

Ms Charlotte Peters Rock attended the meeting to address the Committee regarding dementia care and respite services. She referred to the Support for Older People and Dementia Task and Finish Report contained within the Agenda and suggested that the Committee should support the recommendations. She also referred to the North West Ambulance Service's Communities Strategy and suggested that a carers needs must be taken into account in the transport of patients which was not currently the case. She suggested that since the closure of Bexton Court, Macclesfield Hospital was short of spaces for respite care which was pressuring family carers. She also referred to the consultation on proposals for the future use of Mountview Community Support Centre in Congleton and was against potential decision to close it.

**103 SUPPORTING OLDER PEOPLE AND DEMENTIA TASK AND FINISH REPORT**

The Committee considered the Support for Older People and Dementia Task and Finish Report with a view to approving the recommendations and submitting the report to Cabinet for consideration. Councillor S Jones presented the report as the Chairman of the Task and Finish Group which had conducted the review and produced the report. Councillor S Jones gave an overview of the review process and some of the group's findings. She directed the Committee to the recommendations and asked that they be endorsed.

Members welcomed the recommendations and agreed that tackling dementia was a key priority for the Council.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report be received, and recommendations endorsed.
- (b) That it be recommended to Cabinet that the report and recommendations be referred to the Health and Adult Social Care Policy Development Group to consider the actions to be taken as a result of the recommendations.

**104 SAFEGUARDING PEER REVIEW**

The Committee considered the report of the Children Services Safeguarding Peer Review by the Local Government Association specifically in relation to the Health implications of the report and action plan developed in response to the report. The Committee was also asked to consider how the Committee might receive progress reports on the implementation of the action plan. The Deputy Director of Children Services attended the meeting to provide an overview of the report and the action plan with emphasis on the health issues.

The Deputy Director of Children Services stated that the review had been useful to highlight the strengths of services and partnerships, as well as areas which

needed improving. The Peer Review Priority Action plan contained several desired outcomes with actions and success indicators for each outcome. Each action had been allocated to a named officer who was responsible for the implantation of actions and the realization of the outcomes. Monitoring of the action plan would allow scrutiny to hold officers to account for the achievement outcomes.

The report and action plan had previously been received by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. The Committee agreed that the responsibility for monitoring the progress against the action plan should be carried out by a single committee.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the findings of the peer review be noted.
- (b) That the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee meet to discuss Scrutiny's approach to receiving progress reports on the action plan.

105      **NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE - COMMUNITIES STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered the North West Ambulance Service's (NWAS) draft Communities Strategy. The strategy stated that progress on performance against the aims of the strategy would be closely monitored by the Board of Director's Communities Committee and progress reports would be published every six months and shared with stakeholders.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the North West Ambulance Service's draft Communities Strategy be noted.
- (b) That the progress reports published every six months be examined by the Committee when they are available.

106      **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee gave consideration to the Work Programme and the following points arose:

- At its meeting in May the Committee would scrutinise the Quality Accounts from Mid Cheshire NHS Trust. The Committee was advised to consider the accounts closely in the light of the recent problems experienced at Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust which had been reported nationally.
- The Ageing Well Programme performance review would be available in June 2013.
- The Leisure Services and Open Spaces items were considered to be the responsibility of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and would be removed from the work programme.
- Mental Health scrutiny needed to be added to the work programme as this was no longer being carried out by a Cheshire and Wirral Joint Scrutiny Committee.

- The Committee did not require regular updates on North West Ambulance Services performance issues to be included in the work programme.
- The Director of Public Health Annual Report would have a different format to previous years and was still being developed. This would not be available for the April meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme be updated.

107      **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE**

Councillor J Clowes provided an update on the Health and Wellbeing Board. She stated that the Board would officially begin operating on 1 April 2013.

The development of a Major Incident Strategy was being completed which would include a major role for the Director of Public Health. There was a Members briefing on how Public Health fitted into the Council on 12 March 2013 in Macclesfield.

The development of Healthwatch was progressing. Cheshire East Healthwatch would be a company limited by guarantee and independent from the Council. It would appoint new directors during the week commencing 18 March 2013.

New regulations relating to Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny were published during February 2013. These regulations were being examined to consider whether an amendment to the Health and Wellbeing Board's terms of reference would be needed. If a change was needed the terms of reference would be submitted to the Committee for comment.

108      **CONSULTATIONS FROM CABINET**

There were no consultations from Cabinet.

109      **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Before closing the meeting the Chairman acknowledged Barrie Towse whose involvement with the Committee was coming to an end with the transition of LINKs to Healthwatch. The Committee thanked her for her commitment and contribution to the Committee and wished her luck for the future.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.55 am

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)

**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL AND SOUTH CHESHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING  
GROUP AND EASTERN CHESHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**PROTOCOL**

**1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2001 and associated regulations give local authorities the power to review and scrutinise health services through their overview and scrutiny committees. This complements their existing power to promote the social, economic and environmental well-being of local areas. The role of local authorities is to contribute to health improvement and reducing health inequalities in their local area. Health services are to be viewed in their widest sense and will include Adult Social Care and other services provided by the local authority and in partnership with the NHS. Local authorities will be channels for the views of local people.
- 1.2 Health scrutiny is the democratic element of the new system for patient and public involvement. This includes Healthwatch, Independent Complaints and Advocacy Services (ICAS) and Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS). In addition, the NHS is required to make arrangements to consult with and involve the public in the planning of service provision, the development of changes and in decisions about changes to the operation of services.
- 1.3 The two main elements of health overview and scrutiny are:
- Formal consultation on substantial developments or variations to services.
  - A planned programme of reviews with capacity to respond to issues raised by Cheshire East Healthwatch and other bodies.
- 1.4 The functional responsibility for the overview and scrutiny of health provision and services in Cheshire East lies with the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee of the Council (“the Committee”). The main points of contact for NHS scrutiny are the South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (“the CCGs”), which reflects the CCGs’ responsibilities for commissioning and providing health services in the area.

**2 Policy Statement**

Members of the Committee, the CCGs and organisations for patient and public involvement, will work together to ensure that health scrutiny improves the provision of health services and the health of local people.

### **3 Aims of Health Scrutiny**

- To improve the health of local people by scrutinising the range of health services.
- To secure continuous improvement in the provision of local health services and services that impact on health.
- To contribute to the reduction of health inequalities in the local area.
- To ensure the views of patients and users are taken into account within a strategic approach to health care provision.

### **4 Principles**

- 4.1 Overview and scrutiny of health services is based on a partnership approach.
- 4.2 Overview and scrutiny is independent of the NHS.
- 4.3 The views and priorities of local people are central to overview and scrutiny, and patients and their organisations will be actively involved.
- 4.4 The overview and scrutiny approach is open, constructive, collaborative and non confrontational. It is based on asking challenging questions and considering evidence. Recommendations are based on evidence.
- 4.5 Overview and scrutiny will consider wider determinants of health and use wider local authority powers to make recommendations to other local agencies as well as the NHS.
- 4.6 Overview and scrutiny recognises that there will be tensions between people's priorities and what is affordable or clinically effective, and that local health provision takes place within a national framework of policies and standards.
- 4.7 The impact of health overview and scrutiny will be evaluated.

### **5 The Role of the Committee**

- 5.1 In the course of a review or scrutiny the Committee will raise local concerns, consider a range of evidence, challenge the rationale for decisions and propose alternative solutions as appropriate. It will need to balance different perspectives, such as differences between clinical experts and the public. All views should be considered before finalising recommendations.
- 5.2 The Committee will not duplicate the role of advocates for individual patients, the role of performance management of the NHS or the role of inspecting the NHS.
- 5.3 The Committee has no power to make decisions or to require that others act on their proposals. The NHS must respond within 28 days to recommendations of the Committee and give reasons if they decide not to follow these.

## **6 Organisations to which Health Scrutiny Applies**

- 6.1 NHS bodies subject to overview and scrutiny include any Strategic Health Authority, CCG, and NHS Trust that provides, arranges or performance manages the provision of services. The Committee's main focus will be on services commissioned or provided by the CCGs and where appropriate the complementary activities of local authorities and other agencies.
- 6.2 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 introduced "the Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)" which provides elected Ward Members with a formal means to escalate matters of local concern to an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Although this is seen as a measure of "last resort" it can lead to recommendations being made to the Council concerned and/or other agencies. The CCfA is one of a number of changes designed to provide Overview and Scrutiny Committees with greater powers to work more closely with Partners and across organisational boundaries. It is likely that any CCfA which is concerned with NHS services will be referred to the Committee in the first instance.
- 6.3 The Council also has a local Petition Scheme which sets out how petitions will be handled. Should either a CCfA or a formal Petition be received which relate to health services, the Secretary of the Committee will liaise in the first instance with the CCG, to assist the Chair and Spokespersons of the Committee to determine how to proceed.

## **7 Matters that can be Reviewed and Scrutinised According to Regulations**

- 7.1 Overview and scrutiny powers cover any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services. Health services are as defined in the NHS Act 1977 and cover health promotion, prevention of ill health and treatment.
- 7.2 Issues that can be scrutinised include the following:
- Arrangements made by local NHS bodies to secure hospital and community health services and the services that are provided
  - Arrangements made by local NHS bodies for the public health, health promotion and health improvement including addressing health inequalities.
  - Planning of health services by local NHS bodies, including plans made in co-operation with local authorities setting out a strategy for improving both the health of the local population and the provision of health care to that population.
  - The arrangements made by local NHS bodies for consulting and involving patients and the public.
  - Any matter referred to the committee by a Healthwatch.
  - Any appropriate matter raised by a Councillor Call for Action or a Petition.

## 8 Substantial Developments or Variations in Services

8.1 The CCG or the NHS Trust responsible will consult the Committee on any proposals it may have under consideration for any substantial development of the health service or any proposal to make any substantial variation in the provision of such services and will give the committee at least 2 months notice to respond to proposals.

8.2 This is additional to discussions between the NHS Trust and the appropriate local authorities on service developments. It is also additional to the NHS duty to consult patients and the public. Guidance indicates that solely focusing on consultation with the Committee would not constitute good practice.

8.3 The Committee has the responsibility to comment on

- Whether as a statutory body the Committee has been properly consulted within the public consultation process
- The adequacy of the consultation undertaken with patients and the public
- Whether the proposal is in the interests of Health Services in the area

### **Arrangements relating to CCGs**

8.4 As the CCGs lead the commissioning process they will usually be responsible for undertaking formal consultations for services which they commission. Where services span more than one CCG, they will agree a process of joint consultation. The board of each CCG will formally delegate the responsibility to a joint CCG Committee. This should act as a single entity and will be responsible for the final decision on behalf of the CCGs for which it is acting.

8.5 Where the proposal impacts across the NHS Commissioning Board, local areas teams, and/or Public Health England the relevant CCGs with lead commissioning responsibilities may wish to invite these bodies to coordinate the consultation. Responsibility for decisions on any service revision remains with the CCGs.

### ***Substantial developments or variations (“SDV’s”) – explanation***

8.6 Substantial developments or variations are not defined. The impact of the change on patients, carers and the public is the key concern. The following factors should be taken into account:

- Changes in accessibility of services such as reductions, increases, relocations or withdrawals of service
- Impact on the wider community and other services such as transport and regeneration and economic impact
- Impact on patients – the extent to which groups of patients are affected by a proposed change
- Methods of service delivery – altering the way a service is delivered. The views of patients and Healthwatch are essential in such cases.

8.7 The first stage is for the Committee (acting initially through its Chairman and Spokespersons) to decide whether or not the proposal is substantial. This initial assessment is conducted at three levels:

### **Level One**

When the proposed change is minor in nature, eg. a change in clinic times, the skill mix of particular teams, or small changes in operational policies.

*At level one, the Committee would not become involved directly, but would assume that the Healthwatch is being consulted.*

### **Level Two**

Where the proposed change has moderate impact, or consultation has already taken place on a national basis. Examples could include a draft Local Delivery Plan, proposals to rationalise or reconfigure Community Health Teams, or policies that will have a direct impact on service users and carers, such as the “smoke free” policy. Such proposals will involve consultation with patients, carers, staff and the Healthwatch, but will not involve

- Reduction in service
- Change to local access to service
- Large numbers of patients being affected

*The Committee will wish to be notified of these proposals at an early stage, but would be unlikely to require them to be dealt with formally as an SDV. A briefing may be required for the full Committee or through the Chairman and Spokespersons, and the Local Ward Councillors concerned will be informed of the proposal by the Secretary. The Committee will wish to ensure that the Healthwatch and other appropriate Organisations have been notified by the CCG or NHS Trust concerned.*

### **Level Three**

Where the proposal has significant impact and is likely to lead to –

- Reduction or cessation of service
- Relocation of service
- Changes in accessibility criteria
- Local debate and concern

Examples would include a major Review of service delivery, reconfiguration of GP Practices, or the closure of a particular unit.

*The Committee will normally regard Level Three proposals as an SDV, and would expect to be notified at as early a stage as possible. In these cases the Committee will advise on the process of consultation, which in accordance with the Government Guidelines would run for a minimum 12 weeks period. The Trust*

*will make it clear when the consultation period is to end. The Local Ward Councillors concerned will be informed of the proposal by the Secretary. The Committee would consider the proposal formally at one of their meetings, in order to comment and to satisfy the requirement for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be consulted in these circumstances.*

8.8 Officers of the CCGs or other NHS Trust will work closely with the Committee during the formal consultation period to help all parties reach agreement.

8.9 The Committee will respond within the time-scale specified by the CCGs. If the Committee does not support the proposals or has concerns about the adequacy of consultation it should provide reasons and evidence.

### ***Exemptions***

8.10 The Committee will only be consulted on proposals to establish or dissolve a NHS trust or CCG if this represents a substantial development or variation.

8.11 The Committee does not need to be consulted on proposals for pilot schemes within the meaning of section 4 of the NHS (Primary Care) Act 1997 as these are the subject of separate legislation.

8.12 The CCGs/other NHS Trust will not have to consult the Committee if it believes that a decision has to be taken immediately because of a risk to the safety or welfare of patients or staff. These circumstances should be exceptional. The Committee will be notified immediately of the decision taken and the reason why no consultation has taken place. The notification will include information about how patients and carers have been informed about the change and what alternative arrangements have been put in place to meet the needs of patients and carers

### ***Report to Secretary of State for Health***

8.13 The Committee may report to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Health or, as appropriate, to Monitor for their consideration when it is not satisfied with the consultation or the proposals.

*Referral to the Secretary of State may only be made in circumstances where the NHS body and the Committee have attempted, but failed to resolve any disagreements or where the NHS body has failed to attempt to resolve disagreements within a reasonable period of time. Likewise, referrals should not be made if the Committee has failed to respond to consultations by the date provided by the NHS Body.*

8.14 Specific areas of challenge include:

- The content of the consultation or that insufficient time has been allowed
- The reasons given for not carrying out consultation are inadequate

NB 'inadequate consultation' in the context of referral to the SoS means only consultation with the Committee, not consultation with patients and the public.

or

- Where the Committee considers that the proposal is not in the interests of the health service in its area.

8.15 In response to a referral the SoS may:

- Require the local NHS body to carry out further consultation with the Committee.
- Make a final decision on the proposal and require the NHS body to carry out the decision.
- Ask the Independent Review Panel to advise him/her on the matter.

## **9 Developing a Programme of Reviews**

9.1 The Committee will produce an annual overview and scrutiny plan in consultation with the CCG and the Healthwatch.

9.2 The plan will consider the range of health services including those provided by the local authority and partnership arrangements with the NHS.

9.3 The plan will be based on the views and priorities of local people.

9.4 The plan will have the capacity to take into account issues that may be raised through the work of the Healthwatch.

9.5 The plan will be realistic, based on the capacity of the Committee and the NHS bodies to undertake meaningful reviews.

9.6 The following factors should be taken into account when planning a programme:

- It is a local priority that can make a difference.
- The topic is timely, relevant and not under review elsewhere.
- If the topic has been subject to a national review it should be clear how further local scrutiny can make a difference.
- There is likely to be a balance between;
  - Health improvement and health services,
  - NHS and joint services,
  - Acute services and primary/ community services.
- It may be thematic, e.g. public health, homelessness or services for older people that might impact on the health of local people, or a service oriented priority.
- It should contribute to policy development on matters affecting the health and well being of communities.

- 9.7 There are a number of methods for scrutiny, including formal reports to the Joint Committee or Reviews conducted by smaller “Task and Finish” Review Panels appointed by the Committee with specific terms of reference.

**Sections 10 to 16 apply to both consultation on substantial developments or variations and reviews or scrutiny.**

**10 Provision of Information**

- 10.1 The CCGs or appropriate NHS Trust will provide the Committee with such information about the planning, provision and operation of health services as it may reasonably require in order to discharge its health scrutiny functions. Reasonable notice of requests for information or reports will be given.
- 10.2 Confidential information that relates to and identifies an individual or information that is prohibited by any enactment will not be provided.
- 10.3 Information relating to an individual can be disclosed, provided the individual or their advocate instigates and agrees to the disclosure.
- 10.4 The local authority may require the person holding information to anonymise it in order for it to be disclosed. The Committee must be able to explain why this information is necessary.
- 10.5 The CCGs will provide regular briefings for Committee Members on key issues.
- 10.6 In the case of a refusal to provide information that is not prohibited by regulation, the Committee may contact the relevant NHS performance management organisation, which should attempt to negotiate a speedy resolution.

**11 Attendance at Meetings**

- 11.1 The Committee may require any officer of the CCGs or other NHS Trust to attend meetings to answer questions on the review or scrutiny.
- 11.2 Requests for attendance will be made through the Chief Executive of the Trust concerned.
- 11.3 The Committee will give reasonable notice of its request and the date of attendance. The Committee will provide the officer with a briefing on the areas about which they require information no later than one week prior to the attendance.
- 11.4 If the scrutiny process needs to consider health care provided by the independent sector on behalf of the NHS, it will consider the issue through the lead commissioning body, generally the CCGs. The NHS will build into its contracts with independent sector providers a requirement to attend a review or scrutiny or provide information at no cost to the Committee.

11.5 The Chairman or non-executive Directors of the CCGs or other NHS Trust cannot be required to attend before the Committee. They may, however, wish to do so if requested.

11.6 Local independent practitioners such as GPs, dentists, pharmacists and opticians may be willing to attend the Committee but cannot be required to do so. Local independent practitioners may be willing to attend at the request of the CCGs. An alternative source of information may be the Local Medical Committee or appropriate professional organisations.

## **12 Reporting**

12.1 In their reports the Committee will include:

- An explanation of the issues addressed
- A summary of the information considered
- A list of participants involved in the review or scrutiny
- Any recommendations on the matters considered
- Evidence on which the recommendations are based.
- Where appropriate, recognition of the achievements of the CCGs and/or NHS body concerned.

12.2 The Committee will send draft reports to the CCGs and other bodies that have been the subject of review to check for factual accuracy.

12.3 The report is made on behalf of the Committee and there is no requirement for the Cabinet or the full Council to endorse it. However the report will be sent to the Cabinet, Health and Wellbeing Board and full Council and, if required, a briefing will be arranged to identify the main implications.

12.4 If the Committee request a response from the CCGs and/or another NHS Trust this will be provided within 28 days. If a comprehensive response cannot be provided in this time, the Trust(s) concerned will negotiate with the Committee to provide an interim report, which will include details of when the final report will be produced.

12.5 The response will include:

- The views on the recommendations
- Proposed action in response to the recommendations
- Reasons for decisions not to implement recommendations

12.6 Copies of the final report and the response will be widely circulated and made publicly available.

### **13 Conflict of Interest**

13.1 The Committee must take steps to avoid any potential conflicts of interest arising from Members' involvement in the bodies or decisions they are scrutinising.

13.2 Conflict of interest may arise if councillors or their close relatives are:

- An employee of an NHS body, or
- A non-executive director of an NHS body, or
- An executive member of another local authority
- An employee or board member of an organisation commissioned by an NHS body to provide goods or services.

13.2 These councillors are not excluded from membership of overview and scrutiny committees but must follow the Council's Code of Conduct for Members regarding participation and as necessary seek advice from the Monitoring Officer of the Council where there is a risk of conflict of interest.

13.3 Executive (Cabinet) Members and Cabinet Assistant Members of Cheshire East Council are excluded from serving on the Committee in any capacity.

### **14 Liaison between the Committee and the Healthwatch**

14.1 The Committee will develop an appropriate working relationship with the Cheshire East Healthwatch.

- The Healthwatch may refer issues to the Committee, which must take these into account. If issues are not urgent they may be considered when planning future work programmes.
- The Committee will, where appropriate, advise the Healthwatch of actions taken and the rationale for these actions.
- The outline and process of a scrutiny review will be discussed with members of the Healthwatch.

### **15 Conclusion**

15.1 This Protocol was considered and adopted by the Committee on (date) and is endorsed by the CCGs.

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

### REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 4 April 2013  
**Report of:** Interim Borough Solicitor  
**Subject/Title:** Work Programme update

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#### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 To review items in the 2012/13 Work Programme, to consider the efficacy of existing items listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the work programme be received and noted.

#### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

#### **6.0 Policy Implications**

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

#### **7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs**

- 7.1 None identified at the moment.

#### **8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 8.1 None.

#### **9.0 Risk Management**

- 9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

## **10.0 Background and Options**

- 10.1 In reviewing the work programme, Members must pay close attention to the Corporate Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- 10.2 The schedule attached, has been updated in line with the Committees recommendations on 7 March 2013. Following this meeting the document will be updated so that all the appropriate targets will be included within the schedule.
- 10.3 In reviewing the work programme, Members must have regard to the general criteria which should be applied to all potential items, including Task and Finish reviews, when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate. Matters should be assessed against the following criteria:
- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority
  - Is the issue of key interest to the public
  - Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation
  - Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends
  - Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports?
  - Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service
- 10.4 If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:
- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
  - The matter is subjudice
  - Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

## **11.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME

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Issue	Description/ Comments	Suggested by	Portfolio Holder	Current position	Next Key Date
Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB)	Development of new arrangements	Standard Item	Health and Adult	HWBB - Update on progress at each meeting.	25 March 2013 agenda deadline 4 April 2013 meeting.
Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)	Briefing on new Arrangements	Chairman	Health and Adults	Report on CCG structures, role of National Commissioning Board and CCG plans for 2013/14	25 March 2013 agenda deadline 4 April 2013 meeting.
Scrutiny Protocol with CCGs	To approve the proposed protocol	Scrutiny Team	Health and Adults	Receive proposed protocol at next meeting	25 March 2013 agenda deadline 4 April 2013 meeting.
Quality Accounts:	NHS Providers publish Quality Accounts on a yearly basis and are required to give Scrutiny the opportunity to comment.	Committee	Health and Adults	Mid Cheshire and East Cheshire Hospital Trusts to provide quality accounts at public meeting	1 May 2013 agenda deadline 9 May 2013 meeting
New 111 call system	To inform members of the new call system.	Committee	Health and Adult	Officers to arrange for information to be communicated to members via email.	Information to be provided when available
Ageing Well Programme	To receive a one year update on the performance of the programme	Chairman	Health and Adults	Scrutinise Performance of the Programme at a public meeting	June

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Annual Public Health Report	To receive a presentation on the Annual Public Health report and assess whether any issues should be a focus for Scrutiny	Committee	Health and Adults	Presentation to Committee when ready	Deferred until TBC
Mental Health Scrutiny	Need to establish how scrutiny of CWP and mental health services will take place without Joint Scrutiny Cttee	Chairman	Health and Adults	Chairman and Portfolio Holder to discuss.	TBC
NWAS Communities Strategy Performance	To examine and offer comments on NWAS performance	Committee	Health and Adults	Receive performance reports every six months. Where at meeting on via email to members	TBC
Safeguarding Peer Review	Chairman to liaise with Corporate Scrutiny Chairman regarding future monitoring of item.	Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Health and Adults /Children and Families	Update to be provided when available	Unknown
Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy		Committee	Health and Adults	Report to Committee in July 2012; update to 1:1 after engagement process	On-going