

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 31 October 2017

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Report of the Health Scrutiny Steering Group

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Executive Summary

Overview of matters presented and considered by the Health Scrutiny Steering Group at its meetings held on 27 September and 11 October 2017.

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive the report of its Steering Group.

Background and Advice

The Steering Group is made up of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee plus two additional members, one each nominated by the Labour and Independent Groups.

The main functions of the Steering Group are listed below:

- To act as the first point of contact between Scrutiny and the Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- To liaise, on behalf of the full Committee, with Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- To make proposals to the full Committee on whether they consider NHS service changes to be 'substantial' thereby instigating further consultation with scrutiny;
- To develop and maintain its own work programme for the full Committee to consider and allocate topics accordingly;
- To invite any local Councillor(s) whose ward(s) as well as any County Councillor(s) whose division(s) are/will be affected to sit on the Group for the duration of the topic to be considered;

It is important to note that the Steering Group is not a formal decision making body and that it will report its activities and any aspect of its work to the full Committee for information.

Meeting held on 27 September 2017:

1. Improvements to Mental Health Services in Lancashire

A report was presented on planned changes and improvements to mental health services in Central Lancashire and Pennine Lancashire areas. The report set out the background to the changes, the future model of care and key milestones achieved since 2006. Details on future provision by locality was also provided.

The Steering Group recommended that this matter be referred to the full Committee for its meeting scheduled for 12 December 2017.

2. Action on Screening and Immunisations across Lancashire

This matter was referred to the Steering Group by Health and Wellbeing Board. The report provided an overview of programmes, key data, examples of projects to address uptake along with a high level action plan.

It was agreed that:

- i. A further report on childhood immunisations be presented to a future scheduled meeting of the Steering Group on
 - a. progress made with primary care (low uptake, large waiting lists and support to improve uptake and opportunistic immunisations),
 - b. data cleansing exercise and new childhood information system and latest assessment of the figures,
 - c. update on the Pennine Lancashire Childhood Immunisation Group and
 - d. revised communication materials for parents; and
- ii. A report on the seasonal flu vaccinations programme be presented to a future meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

3. Committee Enabling

The Chair raised concerns in relation to the current functioning of the Health Scrutiny Committee and its Steering Group. The start time of the full Committee meetings was also discussed. Consideration was also given to the request for the scrutiny of the Adult Social Care and Public Health budget proposals to be considered by the full Committee and not the Steering Group.

The Steering Group agreed that:

- i. A report on the proposed revised purpose of the Steering Group be presented at a future meeting of the Steering Group for consideration and subsequent referral to the full Committee to agree;
- ii. The budget proposals from the relevant Cabinet Member portfolios for Adult Social Care and Public Health be considered by the Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 23 January 2018.

Meeting held on 11 October 2017

1. Health and Wellbeing Board - Update

A verbal update on the Health and Wellbeing Board was provided to the Steering Group.

The Steering Group recommended that a memorandum of understanding be drafted on a future working relationship between the Health Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board taking into account the existing informal arrangements in place.

2. Implementation of the Care Act 2014 within secondary mental health services in Lancashire

The Steering Group considered a referral that had been received on the above matter.

It was recommended that responses to all of the points raised in the referral be provided to a future meeting of the Steering Group at the earliest opportunity.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A