

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 23 January 2018

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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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 meeting held on 10 January 2018.

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 purpose of the Steering Group is to manage the workload of the Committee more effectively in the light of increasing number of changes to health services which are considered to be substantial. The main functions of the Steering Group are listed below:

- To act as a preparatory body on behalf of the Committee to develop the following aspects in relation to planned topics/reviews scheduled on the Committee's work plan:
 - Reasons/focus, objectives and outcomes for scrutiny review;
 - Develop key lines of enquiry;
 - Request evidence, data and/or information for the report to the Committee;
 - Determine who to invite to the Committee
- 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 Committee, with Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- To make proposals to the 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 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 Committee for consideration and agreement.

Meeting held on 10 January 2018:

1. Implementation of the Care Act 2014 within Secondary Mental Health Services in Lancashire

Charlotte Hammond and Ian Crabtree reported on the salient points in relation to responses and proposed actions by the County Council and Lancashire Care Foundation Trust in response to the referral that was received from Rethink Carers Lancashire.

The Steering Group resolved that:

1. The responses and actions as set out at appendix 'A' be noted;
2. An update report on Secondary Mental Health Services in Lancashire be presented to the Health Scrutiny Committee in 6/9 months' time;
3. Lancashire Care Foundation Trust be recommended to carry out an audit of training undertaken by staff on the Care Act 2014; and
4. It should write to Rethink Carers Lancashire detailing the work undertaken and to provide a copy of the action plan (appendix 'A').

2. Healthy Child Programme

A discussion was had in relation to this matter which was raised at the last Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12 December 2017. Members were informed that the outcome of the tender process had been appealed and that the County Council could not announce the successful bidder and as a result there could be no scrutiny of this issue until after the appeal had been determined.

It was noted that the earliest any discussion could take place would be in March, although this was not definite. Furthermore, it was acknowledged that as this was a children's health matter, it would be referred to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to consider (in accordance with its terms of reference).

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**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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