

Meeting of the Full Council – 21 May 2015

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 4 March and 14 April 2015

Chair: County Councillor Steven Holgate

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4 March 2015

Health and Wellbeing - update

The Committee received a report which provided an update on:

- The Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- The Better Care Fund (BCF) plan
- The Relationship between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Health Scrutiny Committee

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing also briefly summarised other work ongoing to support health and wellbeing at local level, such as efforts to access European funds; an 18-month pilot launched through the mental health charity MIND to help support the emotional wellbeing of young people including issues such as stress, bullying and cyber bullying; a pilot launched in east Lancashire aimed at tackling obesity and getting communities more active; and the launch, later this year, of an integrated wellbeing service to replace the current signposting service provided by Help Direct.

The Cabinet Member drew the Committee's attention to a report by the Lancashire Fairness Commission called 'Fairer Lancashire Fairer Lives'. It contained a number of recommendations and called on public, private and voluntary organisations to make changes to the services they provided to ensure everyone had a fair chance in life in terms of their prosperity, health and wellbeing.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 7 November the Steering Group had met to discuss the new congenital heart disease review prior to consultation. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix A to the report presented.

On 28 November the Steering Group had met with officers from West Lancashire CCG and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust to discuss breast services at Southport Hospital. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix B to the report presented.

Work Plan

A draft work plan for both the Health Scrutiny Committee and its Steering Group, including current Task Group reviews was presented.

14 April 2015

Ageing Well - Maintaining Independence

The Committee received a report that considered the Ageing Well element of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and were informed that the focus of the report was on the Dementia Friends initiative, social isolation, falls prevention, and support for carers.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 26 January the Steering Group met to receive an update on the work of the Committee and discuss future topics for scrutiny. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix A to the report presented.

On 23 February the Steering Group met with officers from East Lancashire CCG to discuss Primary Care Access and Calderstones regarding their post CQC inspection plan. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix B to the report presented.