

## Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 24 November 2015

Electoral Divisions affected: All
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### Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

(Appendices A & B refer)

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#### Executive Summary

On 14 September the Steering Group met to consider its current ways of working and discuss ideas and suggestions for the future, and also to consider whether a 'tool kit' for task groups would be useful to members to enable their full participation and involvement in future task group reviews.

In response to concerns raised by CC Holgate about GPs using the Urgent Care Centre (UCC) at Chorley Hospital Ian Crossley, acting Chief Officer and Nicola Walsh, Interim Head of Operations and Delivery from Chorley South Ribble/Greater Preston CCG attended the meeting to provide members with a status update and discuss the plans for the future. A summary of the meeting can be found at Appendix A.

On 5 October the Steering Group met with Paul Simic, Chief Executive from the Lancashire Care Association (LCA) to discuss issues around falls in care homes and the challenges faced by the care home sector to address these issues. Janice Scanlon, from the Trust Development Authority (TDA) also attended the meeting to talk about the appointment of non-executive directors and the support they can access. A summary of the meeting can be found at Appendix B.

#### Recommendation:

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

#### Background and Advice

The Scrutiny Committee approved the appointment of a Health Scrutiny Steering Group on 11 June 2010 following the restructure of Overview and Scrutiny approved by Full Council on 20 May 2010. 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 Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups.

The main purpose of the Steering Group is to manage the workload of the Committee more effectively in the light of the 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 the first point of contact between Scrutiny and the Health Service Trusts;
- To make proposals to the main Committee on whether they consider NHS service changes to be 'substantial' thereby instigating further consultation with scrutiny;
- To liaise, on behalf of the Committee, with Health Service Trusts;
- To develop a work programme for the Committee to consider.

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 consideration and agreement.

### **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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N/A.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.