

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 26 January 2016

Electoral Divisions affected: All

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

(Appendices A & B refer)

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Executive Summary

On 26 October the Steering Group met with Sam Nicol to provide an update on Healthier Lancashire and Gill Brown, Chief Executive of Healthwatch Lancashire. A summary of the meeting can be found at Appendix A.

On 16 November the Steering Group met with Cllr Barbara Ashworth and Pat Couch from Rossendale Borough Council to present their draft task group report on ambulance services and also Erin Portsmouth and Dr Kumar from Chorley South Ribble and Greater Preston CCGs to discuss workforce planning. 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.

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List of Background Papers**

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N/A.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.