

## Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12 December 2017

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

## Health Scrutiny Steering Group Report, Revised Purpose and Work Plan 2017/18

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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### Executive Summary

Overview of matters presented and considered by the Health Scrutiny Steering Group at its meeting held on 15 November 2017, including a revised purpose for the Group for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year. A revised work plan is also presented.

### Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

1. Receive the report of the Steering Group;
2. Agree the revised purpose of the Steering Group for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year; and
3. Subject to the Committee's agreement of the revised purpose, note the revised work plan for the Committee for 2017/18.

### 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 current 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 15 November 2017**

### **1. General Service Update on Adult Social Care**

Tony Pounder, Director of Adult Services and Sue Lott, Head of Service Adult Social Care Health gave a presentation to the Steering Group which provided an outline of the different services provided by Adult Social Care including; Screening and Initial Assessment Service (SIAS), Community Social Care, Substance Misuse, Acute Hospital Discharge, Sensory Impairment Service, Prisons Social Work and Reablement and Occupational Therapy Service (OT) and a particular focus on Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC).

It was agreed that in preparation for the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, briefing notes be requested from both Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust and the County Council setting out the key reasons for delayed days that were attributable to social care in respect of interaction between the County Council and Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust and what needed to happen to reduce the number of delays.

### **2. Suicide Prevention**

Chris Lee, Public Health Specialist (Behaviour Change) presented a report detailing the work being undertaken in Lancashire to support the national target of a 10% reduction in suicides.

It was agreed that the presentation slides Chris Lee referred to at the meeting be presented to the full Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting scheduled for 12 December 2017 with an additional focus on the following four specific aspects: data; drug related deaths; dual diagnosis and wider determinants (for men such as divorce/debt/redundancy/loneliness).

### **3. Health Scrutiny Steering Group - revised purpose**

A report which set out considerations and advice on a revised purpose for the Steering Group to partly function as a preparatory body on behalf of the Health Scrutiny Committee was considered.

Discussions were had around meeting frequency, the number of topics and the need to retain the functionality for the Committee and the Steering Group to respond to emerging, sensitive and urgent issues. There was a consensus that the formulation of reasons, objectives, outcomes, key lines of enquiry,

evidence required for reports and who to invite to future meetings represented a useful function for the Steering Group.

Members felt that the revised purpose represented a suitable approach and suggested that it be piloted for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year. The Steering Group agreed the revised purpose as set out in the report and that it be presented to the next scheduled meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 for agreement.

A report on the Steering Group's activities from its meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 will be presented at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 23 January 2018.

### **Revised Purpose**

The revised purpose for the Steering Group is as follows:

"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."

The Committee is therefore asked to receive the report of the Steering Group and agree the revised purpose for the Group for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year. Subject to the Committee's agreement of the revised purpose, a revised work

plan is set out at appendix 'A' for the Committee to note. The work plan has been amended in respect of topics scheduled for future Steering Group meetings.

### **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

N/A