

Meeting of the Full Council – 17 July 2014

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting 10 June 2014

Chair: County Councillor Steven Holgate

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Public Health England

It had been agreed that over the next 12 months the Health Scrutiny Committee would look in greater detail at the current and emerging strategies developed to deliver public health services to the residents of Lancashire. As part of that undertaking representatives from Public Health England (PHE) and NHS England had been invited to attend Committee to provide members with information on: their roles and responsibilities; priorities; and partnership working with other organisations to deliver the priorities.

The Committee noted the report and it was agreed that the Committee would be provided with further information as agreed during the discussion and recorded in the minutes.

Update on Lancashire County Council Response to the Francis Inquiry

The report explained that Sir Robert Francis had been commissioned in July 2009, to chair a non-statutory inquiry into the happenings at mid Staffordshire. A recommendation had been made that there needed to be an investigation into the wider system to consider why issues had not been detected earlier and to ensure that the necessary lessons had been learned.

The report briefly set out the conclusions of the Francis report and the key actions taken by the county council so far.

Work Plan for 2014/15

The Committee received a draft work plan for both the Health Scrutiny Committee and its Steering Group, including current Task Group reviews. The topics included had been identified at the work planning workshop that members took part in during April 2014.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

It was reported that on 4 April the Steering Group had met with Janice Horrocks, Consultant working with Southport & Ormskirk Hospital Trust and West Lancashire CCG, to receive an overview of the Care Closer to Home Programme. Damien Reed, Deputy CEO/Finance Director had also attended to provide an update on the partnership arrangement with St Helens & Knowsley NHS Trust for pathology services. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix A to the report now presented.