

Scrutiny Sub-Committee for Promoting Strong, Healthy and Safe Communities



1 September 2003

Work Programme

Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

Purpose of the Report

1. To up-date Members of the Sub-Committee about the work programme for the Sub-Committee.

Background

2. The Work Programme provides the opportunity to plan the work of the Sub-Committee. The programme, however, does change in response to new issues which arise. The Work Programme, therefore, provides a guide in terms of forward planning and project management. The timing of projects in the programme constantly needs to be adjusted.

Current position

3. The Mental Health project continues and a report on progress is included on the agenda for this meeting.
4. The Working Group looking at sickness absence levels in Social Services Department will be meeting in September to take evidence from managers in County Durham Care. The Human Resources Committee has an important role to play in monitoring sickness and members of the Committee are involved in this review.
5. A progress report on the carrier bag culture project and a report about the Aids and Adaptations review are included on the agenda for this meeting.

Recommendations

6. You are recommended to consider and note the current Work Programme.

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DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

APRIL 2002 – SEPTEMBER 2003

| CALENDAR | PROJECT | | REVIEW |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 2002 | | | |
| September | | Performance Management – Social Services | Aids and Adaptations |
| October | | | |
| November | Mental Health Seminar | Performance Management – Social Services | |
| December | | | Investing in Modern Services for Older People |
| 2003 | | | |
| January | Mental Health 16-25 Yr Olds | | |
| February | | | |
| March | | Regular Performance Management | Reducing Child Road Deaths and Injuries <input type="checkbox"/> |
| April | | | |
| May | | Social Services Sickness Absence | |
| June | | | |
| July | | | Aids and Adaptations |
| August | | | Carrier Bag Culture |
| September | | Regular Performance Management | |
| October | | | |
| November | | | |
| December | | Regular Performance Management | |
| January | | | Aids and Adaptations |

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PERFORMANCE – KEY ISSUES

Lower quartile performance on:

- BV 56 – speed of delivery of aids and equipment
- BV 127 – violent crimes.

COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE SELF ASSESSMENT

PRIORITIES

The main areas have been:-

- Supporting and protecting vulnerable adults, young people and children
- Helping to reduce crime and fear of crime
- Helping to improve the health of local people and make County Durham a safer place

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Enhancing support for children in care, including the review of child protection cases, better health care assessment, providing personal education plans, improving educational attainment and increasing the level of adoption, the latter two being LPSA targets
- Achieving stability in the residential and nursing care market through agreeing payment rates and arrangements for regular review
- Developing whole systems approach to intermediate care services, including improving hospital discharge arrangements
- Better use of community buildings and compliance with DDA access requirements; and
- Improving road safety in relation to child deaths and casualties, which is the focus of one of the LPSA targets.

IMPROVEMENT PLANNING PRIORITIES FOLLOWING CPA

- Focus on services for older people (Service priority)
- Further development of support for LSPs, looking to increase community engagement and involvement to improve the capacity of communities to participate in democratic and service delivery processes (Corporate priority).