

Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1 April 2019



Refresh of the Work Programme 2019/20 for the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Ordinary Decision

Report of Corporate Management Team

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Partnerships**

Electoral division(s) affected:

None

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny with the opportunity to review and refresh the work programme for 2019/20.

Executive summary

- 2 The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviews its work programme each year to reflect the four objectives and associated outcomes and actions identified within the Council Plan for the Council's Altogether Healthier priority theme.
- 3 The Council Plan is set in the context of the Sustainable Community Strategy which is undergoing a refresh process. This report reflects the current Council Plan but recognises that a key priority in both the current and the new Plan will be the Transformation Programme.

Recommendation(s)

- 4 Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (a) Note and comment on the proposed Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme in relation to the current Council Plan 2016-2019 Altogether Healthier theme
- (b) Note that a further report to agree the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2019/20 will be submitted to the July 2019 meeting.

Background

- 5 The current overview and scrutiny committees work programmes focus on the priority areas identified within the context of the:
- Council Plan
 - Cabinet's Notice of Key Decisions
 - Sustainable Community Strategy
 - Partnership plans and strategies
 - Performance and budgetary control data
 - Changes in government legislation
- 6 This year there is change underway in the policy context of the Council as work is taking place to refresh the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). This is being undertaken because the SCS is now almost ten years old. The new vision is expected to be in place in the summer and will inform final versions of scrutiny work programmes. The current Council Plan was developed in the context of the SCS and there will be a chance for update once the new vision is agreed. However the current Council Plan still applies.

Council Plan 2016 -19

- 7 To help improve the performance of the Council, there are currently four objectives for the Altogether Healthier theme, underpinned by outcomes:

Children and young people make healthy choices and have the best start in life

- Reduced childhood obesity
- Improved early health intervention services for children and young people

Reduce health inequalities and early deaths

- Reduced mortality from cancers and circulatory diseases
- Reduced levels of alcohol and drug related ill health
- Reduced obesity levels

- Reduced excess winter deaths
- Reduced levels of tobacco related ill health

Improve quality of life, independence and care and support for people with long term conditions

- Adult care services are commissioned for those people most in need
- Increased choice and control through a range of personalised services
- Improved independence and rehabilitation
- Improved joint commissioning of integrated health and social care

Improve the mental and physical wellbeing of the population

- Maximised independence
- Improved mental health for the population of County Durham
- Increased social inclusion
- Reduced self-harm and suicides
- Increased physical activity and participation in sport and leisure

- 8 The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work programme is also influenced by the key priorities and actions of NHS partners which have been identified in their respective organisational Strategic and Operating Plans, CCG Commissioning Plans and Quality Accounts. Whilst these contribute to the SCS and the Altogether Healthier theme, they are not all reflected in the Council Plan.

Current Work Programme

- 9 During 2018/19, the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has undertaken budgetary and performance monitoring, in-depth scrutiny reviews and considered overview presentations.

In depth scrutiny reviews

- Suicide Rates and Mental Health and Wellbeing in County Durham
- GP Service Provision across County Durham

Areas of overview and update activity

- Adult and Health Services Update
- Progress against NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account priorities

- Community Hospitals
- Healthwatch County Durham Annual Report
- Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report
- Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report
- Director of Public Health County Durham Annual Report
- Cessation of over the counter prescriptions for minor health conditions
- Durham Health and Wellbeing System Planning 2019/20 – Part A Adults
- Integrated Sexual Health Services
- North East Ambulance Service – Performance against National Ambulance Response Standards

NHS and CCG Service Changes – Engagement and Consultation

- NHS England Review of Specialised Vascular Services
- Review of Stroke Rehabilitation Services in County Durham and Darlington
- Review of Urgent Care Hubs/Extended and Enhanced Primary Care Services across Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG
- Future provision of Services currently provided at Shotley Bridge Hospital
- Skerne Medical Group – Review of Branch provision
- Future of Ward Six, Bishop Auckland Hospital
- New Seaham Medical Group – Review of Branch provision
- Phoenix Medical Group and East Durham Medical Group – Proposed Merger
- Review of Minor Injury Unit provision across Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG

- 10 The Committee has also considered and commented on quarterly budgetary and performance monitoring for Adults and Health Services

Areas for consideration in the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

- 11 Paragraphs 9 and 10 identify the activity undertaken by the Committee during 2018/19. The Committee has identified a number of these areas for further progress reports and updates which will need to be included in the work programme for 2019/20.

- 12 With regarding to review activity, the current Review into GP Services across County Durham will continue into 2019/20, culminating in a report to the Council's Cabinet.
- 13 The Committee will receive a further report at its meeting on 4 July 2019 detailing the proposed work programme for 2019/20 and will be asked to consider a topic for future review activity following today's discussion.

Conclusion

- 14 The report and appendix 2 provide information for members to note and comment on activity undertaken during 2018/19 and suggest areas to consider for their work programme for next year.

Background papers

- Council Plan 2016-19 – Cabinet Report March 2016.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

None

Finance

None

Consultation

None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None

Human Rights

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Staffing

None

Accommodation

None

Risk

The Overview and Scrutiny work programme is an important element of the Council's governance and risk management arrangements.

Procurement

None

Appendix 2:

Please see attached document