

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY - HEALTH COMMITTEE**

19 May 2014

Report of the Director of Legal Services

WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider the Improvement and Scrutiny – Health Committee’s work programme for 2014/15.

2. Information

The Committee will continue to respond to service reconfiguration proposals introduced by the county’s health service commissioners and providers.

In order for the Committee to undertake its responsibilities effectively, Members have identified a need for an exchange of information between the Committee and the numerous service commissioning and providing organisations operating throughout Derbyshire.

The Chair and Vice Chair, along with the Improvement and Scrutiny Officer, already hold regular meetings with some of the local CCGs and Derbyshire Community Health Services (the major provider of hospital and clinical care). However it has been agreed that a stakeholder event, bringing together all partner organisations would be beneficial to ensure a better understanding of roles and responsibilities. This will be held on 9 June and details are given in a separate report on this agenda.

Other work over the forthcoming weeks will include progress reports on Heanor Hospital and monitoring the temporary transfer of services from the Spencer Ward at Buxton Hospital to Bakewell.

Proposed Reviews

Following a request from the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Management Committee to all Council Members and Chief Officers for potential scrutiny reviews, a number of suggested subject areas was discussed at the last Management Committee meeting.

Although the majority of Health Scrutiny work is focussed on external service provision, one subject was aligned with this Committee. This is a review of

the county's Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) to measure how effective it is and how it compares with other HWBs around the country.

The Committee is requested to accept this as a review to be undertaken over the coming months – with a scoping report setting out the remit and anticipated outcomes being submitted to the July meeting of this Committee to commence the review.

3. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, human relations, legal and human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Officer's Recommendations

The Committee is asked to;

- (a) Note the work programme for 2014/15.
- (b) Agree that a scoping report be submitted to the next meeting for a review of the county's Health and Wellbeing Board

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