

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

15 July 2013

Report of the Director of Legal Services

WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider the development of the Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2013/14.

2. Information

At the Improvement and Scrutiny Management Committee meeting on 18 June, it was agreed that the Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee should consider continuing an Improvement and Scrutiny review into 'Care Planning at Admission to Hospital' that started under the previous Council administration. A Summary report outlining the scope and work undertaken to date on this is attached at Appendix A.

The Committee is invited to put forward proposals for areas relevant to its remit for review during 2013/14. Proposals have also been sought from all Councillors, Chief Officers and partner organisations (that relate to the health service). The Committee should note that there needs to be a degree of flexibility with the work programme and that it may be necessary to revise it during the course of the year should more pressing matters requiring scrutiny arise. The Committee should also consider the inclusion of performance and financial monitoring within its work programme where appropriate, as well as inviting the relevant Cabinet Member to discuss issues pertinent to their portfolio. A draft work programme for 2013/14 is attached at Appendix B

3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)

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

1. That the Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee continues the review into Care Planning at Admission to Hospital; and
2. The Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee begins development of a work programme for 2013/14

John McElvaney
Director of Legal Services

REVIEW OF CARE PLANNING AT ADMISSION TO ACUTE TRUSTS SUMMARY REPORT

1. Introduction

A review into how a patient's discharge from Hospital is planned from the point of admission was approved by the former Improvement and Scrutiny Committee-People at its 27 June 2012 meeting. A small working group from the Committee was established and led by the Committee Chair and work began on the review in November 2012.

2. Information

To date the review working group has met with representatives of:

- Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
- Chesterfield Royal Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
- Derby Royal Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;

A number of issues have arisen from these meetings some of which are specific to each Trust whilst others are more cross-cutting between health and social care services. These include:

- Perceived lack of understanding from health professionals of social care policies and practices – particularly where a Trust discharges patients across different Local Authority areas;
- Perceived poor out of hours, particularly weekend, support from Community Health and Social Care services resulting in restrictions to discharge taking place during weekdays only;
- Not enough community based rehabilitation services in the south of the county leading to placements elsewhere in the county or to neighbouring areas (e.g. Leicestershire and Staffordshire);
- Integration with community and social care services could be improved so that discharge processes can be improved for patients and family/carers.
- Support provided to carers and knowledge of carers needs could be improved from a health service point of view.

The review working group had identified that further meetings should take place with Acute Trusts external to the County that provide services to Derbyshire patients and the Clinical Commissioning Groups with contracting and quality responsibilities for these Acute Trusts in and around Derbyshire. It was also a desire of the review working group to meet with representatives of Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust, and the Council's own Adult Care service to investigate further the issues relating to community services and social care policies and procedures.

Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee: Work programme 2013-14

Appendix B

Meeting	Issue	Member/Officer
15 July 2013	Proposals for Commissioning Public Health Programmes 2013-15	Elaine Michel, <i>Director of Public Health</i>
	Cabinet Member update	Councillor Dave Allen, <i>Cabinet Member for Health and Communities</i>
	The Improvement & Scrutiny Function	Graham Spencer, <i>Improvement Scrutiny</i>
	Healthwatch Derbyshire – Introduction and overview	Jas Dosanjh, <i>Community Involvement Worker</i>
	Work Programme Development Report	Councillor Sean Bambrick, <i>Chair I&S Health</i>
2 September 2013	5 Year Financial Plan	Peter Handford, <i>Director of Finance</i>
	Healthwatch Derbyshire standing item	Jas Dosanjh, <i>Community Involvement Worker</i>
	Work Programme Report	Councillor Sean Bambrick, <i>Chair I&S Health</i>
4 November 2013	5 Year Financial Plan	Anne Western, <i>Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Policy & Budget</i> , Peter Handford, <i>Director of Finance</i>
	Healthwatch Derbyshire standing item	Jas Dosanjh, <i>Community Involvement Worker</i>
	Work Programme Report	Councillor Sean Bambrick, <i>Chair I&S Health</i>
20 January 2014	Healthwatch Derbyshire standing item	Jas Dosanjh, <i>Community Involvement Worker</i>
	Work Programme Report	Councillor Sean Bambrick, <i>Chair I&S Health</i>
24 March 2014	Healthwatch Derbyshire standing item	Jas Dosanjh, <i>Community Involvement Worker</i>
	Work Programme Report	Councillor Sean Bambrick, <i>Chair I&S Health</i>