

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

**21 July 2014**

**Report of the Director of Legal Services**

**Take-up of Immunisation and Vaccinations  
Scrutiny Development Area - Centre for Public Scrutiny**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform Members of a Scrutiny Development Area (SDA) review to be undertaken with the support of the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS).

**2.1 Information**

In May this year the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) invited expressions of interest nationally from Council Scrutiny Committees to run a review on local immunisation provision and take-up as a Scrutiny Development Area (SDA).

CfPS sought to recruit two Council Overview and Scrutiny Committees to work with in delivering this programme and the Chair of the County Council's Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health asked the Scrutiny Officer to submit a bid through an expression of interest and participation in a webinar conference on the Committee's behalf. As a result Derbyshire was awarded the opportunity to participate as the County Authority and a copy of the offer letter, which was formally accepted by Councillor Bambrick is appended to this report.

The Committee will receive 5 days support from an Expert Adviser appointed by the CfPS to carry out a scrutiny review into local immunisation across the life-course, with a focus on HPV and influenza vaccination. The review will be undertaken between June and December 2014 and will use the Return on Investment (ROI) approach to scrutiny.

**2.2 Return on Investment Scrutiny Model**

Since 2009, CfPS has been developing the role of scrutiny in tackling health inequalities. A number of programmes have been delivered on health inequalities, scrutiny and the health reforms, "appreciative" scrutiny and the development and support of a "return on investment" (ROI) approach to scrutiny. The latter approach aims to quantify the return on actions that are recommended by scrutiny.

The ROI model has already helped to identify potential savings across the public sector and has also been successful in bringing together the whole system when looking at an issue.

CfPS are working in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur MSD (a pharmaceutical company specialising in the development, registration and distribution of vaccines for human use) to:

- (i) use CfPS' ROI approach to demonstrate the role of scrutiny within a local authority in assessing local approaches to immunisation and resource allocation and in so doing to understand the wider public health; and
- (ii) demonstrate how scrutiny is able to identify barriers to immunisation take-up and to use an appreciative approach to look at how take-up could be improved on a local basis.

As well as commissioning and undertaking the review, this Committee will be required to;

- Share our review, reports and learning with CfPS and the wider sector
- Adopt an action learning approach to our scrutiny review
- Take part in an evaluation of the programme – including attendance at Action Learning Meetings.

## **2.3 Scope of the Review**

Given the timescale of the review, the Chair of the Committee has already asked for nominations to the review working group so that initial work could begin prior to the next formal meeting of the full Committee. Councillors Bambrick, Stockdale, McGregor, Patten and Atkins have now formed a working group to undertake the review and the Committee will be asked to confirm their appointments.

On 18 June Councillors Bambrick and Stockdale and Jackie Wardle (I & S Officer) met with Rachel Harris, the advisor appointed by CfPS to support the review. Councillor Clive Moesby (Chair of the I & S Management Committee) also attended the meeting to learn more about the ROI scrutiny model and its potential for use across the scrutiny function.

This initial meeting was held to inform the Scrutiny Members of the principles of the ROI scrutiny review process and discuss the specifics of the proposed review on the uptake of immunisation. Linda Syson-Nibbs (NHS England) and Dean Wallace (Public Health, DCC) were also present as their organisations lead on immunisation programmes across the county and it was important to involve them from the outset of the review.

Rachel Harris will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting in July to provide information on the ROI scrutiny model to all Members and to discuss the specifics of the review and her contribution. The further use of Rachel's time, which has been allocated to this review, will be determined mutually as the review progresses.

It is proposed that the review will be conducted as follows;

- It will specifically consider the provision and up-take of the Influenza vaccine and the HPV vaccine. (All girls aged 12 to 13 are offered HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccination as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. The vaccine protects against cervical cancer. It is usually given to girls in year eight at schools in England).
- Evidence will be gathered on current programmes offered and the current take-up rates across the county
- Research will be undertaken to establish the impact on local health services of patients presenting with 'Flu and cervical cancer – with an emphasis on the cost in resources required for treatment and care.
- It will identify pockets of low take up, both geographically and demographically, across the county.
- It will assess reasons for low take-up and identify potential measures to increase take-up figures.

The review will seek information and /or support from;

- NHS England
- Public Health (DCC)
- GPs
- School Health professionals
- Local 50+ Forums
- Age Concern
- Healthwatch Derbyshire
- DCC Adult Care
- Derbyshire Youth Council Scrutiny Panel

The review will be concluded in December 2014 with progress reports being submitted to the Committee by the review working group as appropriate.

Given that part of the review will investigate services for teenage girls, this is an ideal opportunity for the Council's Scrutiny function to work with the Derbyshire Youth Council's own Youth Scrutiny Panel and arrangements are in place to facilitate this.

### **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 requested to;

1. Agree the appointment of Members to the review working group
2. Agree the scope of the review

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## Appendix

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Dear Jackie,

### Application to become an Immunisation Scrutiny Development Area

Thank you for your recent expression of interest in becoming an Immunisation Scrutiny Development Area. Following a review of all of the applications, I am delighted to inform you that your application has been successful – congratulations.

This award provides you with a unique and timely opportunity to review your local approach to immunisation and improve take up. The review that you undertake will use the return on investment model of scrutiny developed and tested by CfPS – and you will receive the support of one of our Expert Advisers to help you with this.

In accepting this offer of support and becoming a Scrutiny Development Area, you will need to:

- ☒ Commit to taking part in this project and seeing your review to the end.
- ☒ Carry out your review from June – December 2014.
- ☒ Agree to use the return on investment model of scrutiny to carry out your review.
- ☒ Discuss your support requirements with your allocated Expert Adviser, and agree the contents of the planning form.
- ☒ Take part in an introduction telephone interview with Su Turner (date to be agreed)
- ☒ Keep an on-going log of actions – which you can use to co-produce a case study at the end of the project.
- ☒ Take part in an Action learning event at the end of your review – to extract your experience for publication to the wider sector.
- ☒ Arrange any necessary meetings with key players – this is not a role for the expert adviser.
- ☒ Cite CfPS and your involvement as a Scrutiny Development Area in any publicity surrounding your review.

Expressions of interest have been received from our Expert Advisers, and in your case you have been assigned Rachel Harris to work with you. This support equates to five days. Your Adviser will be in contact with you over the next few days.

At the bottom of this letter, there is a signature box – I would be grateful if your lead Member or a Senior Officer from within the authority could accept the terms of this award and sign and return a copy of this letter to [laura.freeborn@cfps.org.uk](mailto:laura.freeborn@cfps.org.uk) by Wednesday 4 June 2014.

Congratulations again on your award I look forward to working with you over the next few months. If you have any queries – please contact me on the telephone number or email address below.

Best wishes,

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I confirm that I have read the above letter and am happy to accept the offer of becoming a Scrutiny Development Area.	
Date	Signature
30/05/2014	