



REPORT OF: The Chair of Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

REPORT TO: Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

ON: 16th January 2013

RE: Update on the revised Work programme for the remainder of the municipal year 2012/2013

1. Purpose of the Report

To finalise the revised work programme for the Children's and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the second half of the municipal year 2012/2013.

2. Background

In June 2012 at the first meeting of the municipal year, Members of the Children's and Health Overview and Scrutiny agreed the following:

- That the Committee would look at the following topics for Children's Service's:
 - 1) Safeguarding Children and young people
 - 2) Strengthening the voice across the wider community and increasing its impact.

- That the Committee would look at the following topics for Adult Social Care:
 - 1) Safeguarding across the wider community
 - 2) Integrated commissioning and delivery.

Within the context of these headline topics Members undertook two thorough scrutiny reviews, both of which have been successfully completed within agreed parameters.

3. Next Steps

In a change to the topics agreed at the beginning of the year, the Adults Safeguarding sub group have revised their topic from "Integrated commissioning and delivery," to "an overview of Public Health and the new measures the Council will become responsible for again": At the last Committee meeting Members were asked to reconsider the two topics in the second half of the year (December to March 2013) and to establish with the Executive Members that these topics remain relevant: Specifically "Adults Safeguarding: Integrated commissioning and delivery" which had been partially reviewed as part of the scrutiny of Adults Social Care in the first half of the year. Members agreed to reconsider the choice of topic and to request the Director of Public Health to give them an update in January on challenges faced by the Council from April 2013 once Public Health returned as a Council function. Subsequently the topics and sub groups for the remainder of the year have been revised as follows:

- Children's Services: Strengthening the voice across the wider community and increasing its impact.
- Local Government and new Public Health functions - the details of which will be scoped following an earlier agenda item at the meeting on the 16th January 2013. - However the Committee is clear, and have been particularly mindful, to ensure that the review that will be undertaken will not duplicate the remit of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

Members at a sub group meeting of the Children's task group agreed the scoping of their review would concentrate on the voice of the child, looking specifically at services (or lack of them) for young people who face or who have faced trauma - (the definition of which would consider a wide spectrum of examples). Being some way into scoping their review, a more comprehensive update will be reported more fully to the next meeting of the Committee.

4. Other Areas for Consideration

Following discussion with the Director of Public Health a scoping exercise will be required to determine the shape, size and desired outcomes of a review to be completed before the end of the municipal year. An additional item for consideration is to receive an overview of school examination results which will come before the Committee at the March 13th meeting. Dementia however will not: As the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee are members of the pan-Lancashire Committee reviewing the Dementia Consultation, unless there are significant issues that they are made aware of through that forum, the Dementia Consultation will not be brought back to the Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the work programme for 2012/13.

RESOLVED -

That the Committee note the report.