



REPORT OF: Scrutiny Manager

REPORT TO: Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ON: 15th July 2013.

RE: Committee work programme.

1. Purpose of the Report

For Members of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee to agree their work programme in detail.

2. Background

At the meeting on the 17th June the Committee received the priorities, challenges and pledges of the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care. Importantly this Committee now includes an element of public health within its remit: The differences between Council Scrutiny, Healthwatch and the Health and Wellbeing Board having been outlined both at the Committee's first meeting on the 17th of June and the first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 24th June. Following the recent Keogh Review of Blackburn hospitals, a briefing session was arranged for all Members by the Director of public health in light of the concerns raised in reports from other hospitals in the United Kingdom: Mark Brearley, Chief Executive of East Lancashire Hospital Trust and Dr. Renike Schram came and spoke to members on 10th June, to explain (and give Members a more holistic picture of) the Hospital Outcomes and the Keogh Review.

3. Recommendations

That following discussion a more detailed work programme for the Committee be agreed.

4. Outline work Programme

Benchmarking:

1. Request the health data for Blackburn with Darwen, specifically on obesity, smoking, alcohol, housing and any other areas that may be significantly underperforming;
2. Compare health data against some of our nearest neighbour comparators, in order that the Committee can study the areas of underperformance and challenge how this is being addressed; and
3. For the Committee to look at best practice and best outcomes in other areas and ascertain if similar principles could be applied to Blackburn with Darwen.

Public Health inclusion:

1. For the Committee to be given a breakdown of the 55 Public Health contracts that have become a Council responsibility; and
2. For the Executive Member to demonstrate how those services are being promoted and embedded into the main function of the Council; outlining the key individuals taking responsibility for ensuring their delivery.

Review methodology:

1. For the Committee to analyse the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) data to ascertain if reviews have been done in the areas of interest the Committee may choose; and
2. If a review is not available for the Committee to follow, then the principles that have been outlined in other reviews should be followed.

PRE decision Scrutiny: Potential areas for consideration:

Adult Social Care

1. Future housing and care needs of frail older people, including care homes, sheltered housing and extra care
2. Tackling social isolation
3. Falls prevention

Health

- 1) Keogh Review Report: due out late July with suggestions and recommendations for the hospital following their review. There is potential for health scrutiny to review this report and make some possible further suggestions for actions the hospital could implement to address any of the identified problems.
- 2) Health and Wellbeing Strategy implementation.
- 3) Vaccination and Immunisation uptake rates in Blackburn with Darwen:
This would require scrutiny of Public Health England's plans for Blackburn with Darwen (as this became their responsibility from 1/4/13) and the new operating model for this system from April 1st.

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