



REPORT OF: Corporate Services

REPORT TO: Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ON: 7th December 2015.

RE: Committee Work programme 2015-16 update

1. Purpose of the Report

For Members of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee to note the progress to date of the work programme 2015-16 at this half way mark and to review the priorities for the remainder of the year.

2. Background

The first meeting of the Committee took place on 15th June 2015. The Executive Members for Health and Adult Services outlined his priorities and risks for the year.

The Key risks have been listed below as every Executive Member has been asked to provide their respective Committee with an update of portfolio risks; i.e. do they remain the same, have they become more challenging or lessened during this municipal year. A verbal update will be debated at the December meeting:

1. Budgetary:
 - Rising demand and reducing resources
 - Care act
 - NHS pressures
 - Limited opportunities for further efficiencies
 - Financial viability and sustainability of services
2. Preventive services:
 - Pressure on statutory provision makes preventive services difficult to sustain
3. Safeguarding and Service Quality:
 - Potential impact on service quality and service users due to cuts

Public Health key risks

1. Rising poverty and inequality, increasing health and social care needs and risks
2. Cuts to 'health-relevant' investment, reducing effectiveness of public health interventions and stalling of health improvement
3. NHS Consolidation leading to service reconfiguration and need to ensure access, availability and quality of NHS services for local residents not compromised.

At the second meeting on the 13th July the Chief Executive of Lancashire Care Foundation Trust (LCFT) and the Chief Executive of East Lancashire Hospital Trust (ELHT) outlined their priorities and risks for the upcoming year.

Comprehensive details are outlined in the September work programme update to Committee. We will however (for parity and equity) ask for a similar update on the risks both Trusts identified:

1. Budget – Ongoing issue generally in the NHS,
2. Deficit of £20million this year,
3. Workforce issues and challenges – A national shortage of nurses and emergency pathways,
4. Healthcare changes.

On 27th August a task group was given a briefing on mental health by Public Health and Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group. The briefing provided a broad overview of mental health, mental illness, mental wellbeing and the spectrum each of us may experience both prior to as post receipt of intervention services.

Outcomes of the meeting were:

- For members of the task group to receive Mental Health First Aid training. – This has been completed and certificates will be issued at the Committee meeting on the 7th December.
- For the task group to consider some of the detail of the current work linked to the Crisis Care Concordat.
- For a specific briefing to be arranged for the task group on the work of the Street Triage Service. – Please note that the service has asked for their work to be reviewed later in the year as it is in its infancy.

On 9th September the Committee received a presentation on LCFT Custody Pilot, where a stakeholder discussion took place, with active engagement from Blackburn with Darwen Healthwatch.

At the 7th December meeting the Committee will receive an update on last year's recommendations from the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care, along with a presentation from Blackburn with Darwen

Healthwatch on their (and the groups they represent) experiences and findings of their current Homecare service.

3. Work programme 2015/16

Please note that after the December meeting (notwithstanding any task and finish groups or informal collaborative reviews that take place outside of the formal meetings,) the Committee will have two Standing Committee meetings left in the municipal calendar, namely: 20th January 2016 and 14th March 2016.

4. Recommendations

That progress of the Committees work programme for 2015/16 be noted.

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