



REPORT OF: Corporate Services

REPORT TO: Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ON: 9th September 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 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 main issues highlighted were:

Key priorities;

1. Management of demand through a new relationship with local people and the development of community capacity,
2. Maximise independence through use of re-ablement and assistive technology,
3. Providing Integrated support for people with significant ongoing needs and their carers in the most efficient way possible,
4. Safeguarding vulnerable people,
5. Implementing the Care Act (2014).

Key risks;

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 highlights were as follows:

Key priorities

1. Integrate prevention in localities across public and VCF sectors, including asset based community development
2. Re-commission Sexual Health Services
3. Develop healthy 'settings' including schools, workplaces and other environments
4. Public mental health and wellbeing; helping people to feel good & function well, whatever their state of health
5. Remodel BwD Children's Services, integrating Health Visitor and 0-5 NHS prevention programmes

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.

Highlighted issues were:

The Chief Executive for LCFT advised the Committee that her key priorities were:

1. To provide high quality care and services,
2. To improve people's lives,
3. To review services embedded within the community,

4. Partnership working,
5. Mental Health,
6. To provide excellent value for money in a financially sustainable way.

It was also reported that there were six major transformation programmes, undertaken by the LCFT:

1. Improving the emotional wellbeing of children and young people,
2. Health and Wellbeing – Early Intervention,
3. Unscheduled care – Mental Health,
4. Preventing people ending up in urgent care - Joint bid with the CCG
Transforming care across the urgent care pathway,
5. Out of hospital care,
6. Work with the Local Authority.

The Chief Executive of ELHT highlighted that the pressures for 2015/16 were:

1. How to sustain services locally
2. Balance money & resources
3. Workforce pressures
4. Sustainability

He advised that key opportunities were

1. Health System – Public sector working – Coming together as providers and commissioners to be more efficient and effective with local resources,
2. Work more efficiently,
3. Emergency pathways – Look at how patients were treated,
4. Centralisation of services.

And he highlighted the following risks:

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.

A detailed list of deliberations was circulated to the Committee for their comments, and a subsequent discussion to agree the outline of a work programme took place. It was agreed that the outcomes would be reported by the Chair to the Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 3rd August 2015.

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.
- 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.

3. Work programme 2015/16

With the exception of the September meeting, the Committee has a further three standing meetings in the municipal calendar. This does not include any work the Committee choose to undertake outside of the formal meetings by way of task and finish groups or informal collaborative reviews.

Committee – 9th September 2015

- Presentation on LCFT Custody Pilot and stakeholder discussion
- Review of the work programme for October to March 2016.

Committee – 7th December 2015

- Update on last year's recommendations
- Remainder of the agenda to be confirmed.

Committee – 20th January 2016

To be confirmed

Committee – 14th March 2016

To be confirmed

4. Recommendations

That progress of the Committees work programme for 2015/16 be noted and topics for the remainder of the year be agreed.

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