

Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care – 8th July, 2008

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Work Programme for 2008/09

Purpose of Report

1. To recommend a work programme to the Committee for the 2008/09 municipal year.

Background

2. The terms of reference of the Committee are set out at Appendix 1 to this report.
3. The proposed work programme for 2008/9 is set out at Appendix 2 to this report.
4. During the course of 2008/09 the Committee will also be invited to consider the following standing items:-
 - Update of the Council's Capital Strategy
 - Equality and Diversity Reports for the Directorate of Adult Community and Housing Services.
 - Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Reports
 - Annual Review of Equality and Diversity 2008
 - The annual work programme of the Health Improvement & Modernisation Management Team established to carry forward operational needs of the statutory Dudley Health and Well-Being Partnership
5. There is capacity in the work programme to undertake at least one review of a particular service area during the municipal year. Should members consider that a specific issue requires the appointment of a working group then an ad hoc working group will be appointed to consider the specific issue and report back to the Committee.

Future Consultations and referrals

6. In the course of the year there will be new health matters arising from PCT, DGOH, WMAS and Dudley's LINK which will require attention of the Committee, and in some cases a response in a prescribed time frame, so there is a need to keep some slack in the system.

Finance

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from the content of this report.

Law

6. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, enables the Council to do anything, which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

7. This report complies with the Council's policies on equality and diversity.
8. There is no requirement for consultation with children and young people or the involvement of children and young people in the content of the report.

Recommendation

9. That consideration be given to the work programme for the Committee for 2008/09 as set out at Appendix 2 of this report.

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List of Background Papers

Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care work programme 2007/8,
report of the Lead Officer HASC

Appendix 1

The Terms of Reference of the Committee provide for the Committee to fulfil all of the overview and scrutiny functions as they relate to:-

- the improvement of local health and adult social/health care services, as a contribution to the Council's community leadership role.
- to create an annual Scrutiny Plan.
- to make reports and recommendations to local National Health Service (NHS) bodies and to the Council on any matter reviewed or scrutinised which explain the matter reviewed, summarise the evidence considered, provides a list of participants in the scrutiny exercise, and makes any recommendations on the matter reviewed as appropriate.
- to proactively receive information within given timescales, with some exceptions as per current Government Guidance, requested from local NHS bodies.
- to be consulted by and respond to (as appropriate) NHS bodies in connection with the rationale behind any proposal and options for change to local health services made by the NHS.
- to ensure the involvement of local stakeholders, e.g. by co-opting individuals, as appropriate, to help the work of the Committee.
- to take referrals from the Local Involvement Network
- to act in accordance with Government Guidance relating to Health and Scrutiny.

Appendix 2

The following work programme for 2008/09 is proposed (please be advised that this timetable may be subject to change) :-

Date of Meeting
08/07/08

Item (not in running order)

Dudley's Local Involvement Network

The Committee should monitor the progress of the establishment of Dudley's Local Involvement Network by the eventual Host organisation. It is understood that contractual arrangements should be in place in July/August. Once established it will have a close but independent relationship with HASC as it will be able to refer matters for consideration for scrutiny, and can be used to seek evidence and information and residents.

In light of these powers the HASC should develop a set guidelines, or protocol, in consultation with the eventual Host, to govern the relationship between the Health Scrutiny function and the Dudley LINK. The HASC should regularly monitor the work of the LINK to avoid duplication of effort and identify potential topics for joint scrutiny and for it's work planning purposes.

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Procurement of Drug Treatment Services

Report of the Community Safety/ DACHS

Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report

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HASC Work Programme for 2008/09

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The annual work programme of the Health Improvement & Modernisation Management Team established to carry forward operational needs of the statutory Dudley Health and Well-Being Partnership

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Proposed GP service change and consultation

The committee should consider the PCTs proposals to re-configure GP services in Dudley.

Report of the PCT

18/09/08

Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Annual Review of the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services Equality and Diversity Action Plan for 2007/08

Report of the Director DACHS

Annual Report of the Select Committee for 2007/08

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Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Report of the Director DACHS

The committee should review progress of the implementation of the '**Strategic framework for Reducing Health inequalities in Dudley**'.

To meet the challenge to reduce health inequalities in a sustainable way, three priorities were identified for action in Dudley based on national evidence, local views and the local scene : a) Reduce Poverty ; b) Tobacco Control and c) Increase Educational Attainment

Report of the PCT and Director DACHS

Dudley Group of Hospitals - Foundation Trust status

The committee has previously commented favourably on the foundation trust application enabling DGOH to move out of central Government control. DGOH is currently awaiting the result of a re-submitted application which the Committee should monitor and review, particularly around the implications for HASC.

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20/11/08

Update of the Council's Capital Strategy

Report of Finance Director

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Health Care of People with a Learning Disability

(Joint report DACHS and PCT)

Alcohol strategy

In March 2008 the Committee considered a report on the delivery against the current alcohol strategy (2006), highlighting initiatives that aim to reduce alcohol misuse and advising members of the development of the new alcohol Strategy.

The Committee should request another report to consider the development of the new strategy and comment on priorities, targets and service developments which should be included in the new strategy. Once complete the Select Committee should monitor the action plan for implementation.

Report of the Chief Executive

15/01/09

Council Budget

Annual Report on Complaints, Comments and Compliments for Adult Social Services

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Annual Report of the Director of Public Health(DPH) / PCT Public Health Report

The Committee should consider the DPH annual report/ PCT Public Health Report to measure the effectiveness of PCT service provision in improving the health of Dudley's citizens which may identify areas for potential scrutiny.

Report of the PCT

Issues identified through 2007/08 Annual Health check evidence

Dudley Group of Hospitals

The Committee was informed that the Trust is on track to meet all associated targets with the exception of target for MRSA bacteraemia. The committee noted that that the target set for the Trust was very low at a rate equivalent to one per month, and of the 19 cases, 10 were classed as 'pre-48 hour' cases i.e. they were admitted to the Trust with the infection. Although the Committee acknowledged that the trust had been on trajectory of 1 case less per month since October 2007 the Committee should monitor DGOH progress to retract this rate in-line with the Government standards and also monitor rates of C-Dif.

Primary Care Trust

The Committee was informed that the PCT will be declared met for 23 out of the 24 core standards for 2008/09 with the exception of Decontamination of Medical Devices (core standard c4c); the committee noted that this was specifically due to instruments used in dentistry services and as such the Committee should monitor the compliance against this standard with particular regard to Dentistry Services.

West Midlands Ambulance Service

Although WMAS were compliant with all 24 standards the Committee raised concerns with cleanliness with regard to the Patient Transport Service and patients travelling together. The committee was informed that the vehicles were cleaned on a daily basis and to try to prevent transmission of infections, when calls were taken, particular information was requested about the patient to ascertain the vulnerability of the patient and, if a patient was found to be infectious or susceptible to infections, arrangements would be made to ensure that the patient did not travel with anyone else. However, it was noted that some patients could still 'slip through the net' where background information had not been provided. In light of this the Committee should review what measures have been taken to ensure that background information is collected for all patients using the service.

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Report on first six months of the Dudley-Walsall Mental Health Trust

The HASC formed a joint with Walsall to respond to proposals for the reconfiguration of mental health services in December 2007. The HASC should monitor the progress of the merger of Mental Health services in Dudley and Walsall focussing on it's

development against the Joint Committee's conclusions to the proposals last year.

Report of the Trust

26/03/09

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Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services Equality and Diversity Action Plan for 2008/09

Report of the Assistant Director DACHS

Annual Report of the Safeguarding Board Ridge Hill

Report of the Director DACHS

Dudley's integrated Stroke Service

The HASC should consider the conclusions and recommendations of the working group established by the Committee to review of Dudley's Stroke services for inclusion on the substantial review of **Dudley's integrated Stroke Service**, co-ordinated by the PCT.

It should also track recommendations set out in the report of the working group and review the progress of the implementation of the multi-agency strategy and assess the delivery of implicated bodies against it's action plan.

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Obesity annual monitoring report

The Committee should consider the annual monitoring report on Obesity detailing progress from July 2007 to July 2008, highlighting areas of good progress and problem areas for 2009 targets and early warning signs for problem areas for 2010 targets.

Report of the PCT

Annual Health Check

Information on Government health care standards that make up the Health Care Commission's (HCC) **Annual Health Check** should be collected throughout the year, so that the

Committee can submit a detailed and reasoned comment of compliance and performance on each of the Dudley NHS Trusts.

The statutory instrument should also be used identify suitable topics for further Scrutiny and work planning for the following municipal year.

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N/A

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