

| Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care. Proposals for Work Programme 2006/2007. | | | |
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| Priority | Subject | Action through | |
| | | Full Review | Action through Committee Meeting |
| | 1. Reviews | | |
| 8. | Continue with tracking recommendations from Maternity Services Review . | | X |
| 1. | Draft of Wheelchair Services Review Report to Committee (July), consult with users involved and then publish August/September. | X | |
| 12. | Review of Out-of-Hours services: GP, NHSDirect. The National Audit Office has very recently examined OOH services in detail, and has concluded that to date services have a good many limitations but are improving. Committee to scrutinise local picture by using the NAO report as a basis for discussions with PCT. | | X |
| 2. | Review of Care of Older People. The “caring matters” section of the Council Plan sets out some objectives for improving the lives of older people; and there is a new Older People Strategy under development for Dudley. There have been a number of media reports recently about abuse of older people and the problems surrounding end of life care for elderly people. This review has the potential to cut across all the Select Committee’s areas of interest by taking in health and social services. | X | |
| | 2. Health Inequalities. | | |
| 4. | The Good Health Committee commented on an early draft of the local policy but Committee needs to keep an eye on developments. Committee also needs to keep an eye on the local Obesity Strategy and the new National Healthy Communities Programme led by IDeA. | | X |
| | 3. Health Service Developments. | | |
| 9. | Mergers: PCT, StHA, Ambulance. Committee needs to follow these up. | | X |
| | 4. DGOH Foundation Trust Application. | | |
| 10. | Good Health commented favourably on this proposal, but Committee needs to keep an eye | | X |

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| | on developments. | | |
| | 5. Joint developments – Health and Social Care. | | |
| 5. | Proposed Mental Health Trust for the Black Country. SCGH discussed this briefly at the March meeting where members were not enthusiastic about Dudley's good service being merged with others whose services were not so good. Due to return to Committee for further comment. | | X |
| 6. | Our Health, Our Care, Our Say - White Paper. The proposals in this White Paper could have a significant affect on the structure of health and adult social care and on health and social care scrutiny. It may be useful to link future reviews to this programme. Some of the main points are: | | X |
| | <i>Hospital reform:</i> Payment by Results; Care closer to home; shift in the balance between acute and primary care; better access to care; better co-ordination. | | |
| | <i>Patient Choice/ Patient-led NHS:</i> re-structuring of patient and public involvement forums; "calls to action" by Councillors; strengthening of OSC functions (no details yet). More stringent measure of NHS performance in involving patients. | | |
| | <i>Prevention:</i> more emphasis on prevention of ill-health and prevention in social care; emphasis on public health. | | |
| | <i>Long-term conditions:</i> expansion of Expert Patients Programme; more support for carers; better information for patients. Dudley MBC's Occupational Health Service provision could be included as part of Expert Patients. | | |
| | <i>Integrating health and social care:</i> extending Local Area Agreements as a means of creating better joint working between health and social care. | | |
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| | 6. Annual Health Check. | | |
| 7. | Collect relevant information through the year on each of the main themes that make up the HCC's Annual Health Check, so that the Committee can make a detailed and reasoned comment on the Dudley NHS Trusts' performance. | X | |
| | 7. Scrutinising Adult Social Care | | |
| 3. | Members to consider how they want to do this and where Members want to focus, as there won't be time to consider every report that Social Services would like to present. A HASC sub-committee to scrutinise routine social services reports to save time for the main Committee. | | X |
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| | 8. Future Consultations. | | |
| 11 | In the course of the year there will be new matters which will require the attention of Committee, so there is a need to keep some slack in the system. | | X |