

WIRRAL COUNCIL

Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee

8th July 2014

SUBJECT:	Health and Care Performance Panel
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	Clare Fish (Strategic Director of Families & Wellbeing)
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Chris Jones (Adult Social Care and Public Health)

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report describes the proposal to introduce a Health and Care Performance Panel and gives detail of the draft terms of reference of the Panel.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 During 2013, a scrutiny review entitled 'The implications of the Francis Report for Wirral' was undertaken by a panel of Elected Members. The recommendations of the panel members were subsequently approved by this Committee on 28th January 2014 and by Cabinet on 13th March 2014.

2.2 Recommendation 8 of the scrutiny report was:

Establishment of the Health Performance Monitoring Panel

In order to fulfill health scrutiny's role to hold providers to account, the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee will establish a standing member's panel to monitor the performance of health providers. It is suggested that the Panel will be known as the Health Performance Monitoring Panel and will be established in readiness to review the Quality Accounts produced by health partners in spring 2014.

The actions outlined in this report will implement that recommendation.

2.3 On 28th January 2014, this Committee agreed that a Panel be established to look at the performance of health services for Wirral and that a further report be brought to Committee to agree the terms of reference for the Panel.

2.4 A subsequent scrutiny review, 'Quality Assurance and Standards in Care Homes' recommended "The Head of Policy & Performance / Director of Public Health is requested to include the monitoring of care home quality within the remit of the proposed Health Performance Monitoring Panel. This will enable care home performance issues to be raised with Elected Members by the Director of Adult Social Services".

2.5 The draft terms of reference for the panel are attached to this report.

3.0 QUALITY ACCOUNTS

3.1 It is anticipated that some of the work of the Health and Care Performance Panel will relate to the Quality Account process. Quality Accounts are annual reports to the public from providers of NHS healthcare services relating specifically to the quality of services they provide. All providers of NHS healthcare services in England, whether they are NHS bodies, private or third sector organisations must publish an annual Quality Account. The purpose of Quality Accounts is to ensure providers are looking systematically at the quality of service they provide and working to continuously improve this, focussing on:

- Patient Experience
- Safety
- Clinical Effectiveness

The annual Quality Account produced by each Trust will reflect on the progress towards meeting the targets set for the previous year and also set further targets for the forthcoming year.

3.2 Both Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Healthwatch are given the opportunity to comment on the Trusts' draft Quality Accounts, prior to publication of the final document, as it is recognised that both bodies have a role in the scrutiny of local health services. In looking at Quality Accounts, the Scrutiny Committee is well placed to ensure that a Trust's Quality Account reflects the local priorities and concerns of patients, as well as providing challenge to the performance of local health services. It also gives an opportunity for Members to engage in the wider processes of continuous quality improvement.

3.3 All healthcare Trusts are required to submit a Quality Account to the Department of Health by the 30th June each year. The draft Quality Account should be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committees before 30th April each year at the latest. A 30 day consultation period enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to respond to the Trust with any comments. Those comments, if supplied, must be appended to the final version of the Quality Account before the Trust submits the report to the Department of Health.

3.4 The Health and Care Performance Panel met initially at the end of April 2014 to meet with representatives of the following health Trusts to discuss issues pertinent to the relative draft Quality Account.

- Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Wirral Community Trust
- Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust

Subsequently, the Chair of the Panel wrote to each of the Trusts, providing the comments of the Panel. In addition, the panel members also sent a written response to the draft Quality Account of the North West Ambulance Service.

3.5 In the future, it is envisaged that the Quality Account process will form a key part of the work of the panel, as outlined in the draft terms of reference.

4.0 THE HEALTH AND CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL FOR THE 2014/15 MUNICIPAL YEAR

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Health and Care Performance Panel will be established on a politically proportionate basis. This will mean that the membership for the 2014/15 municipal year will be Labour 4; Conservative 2; Liberal Democrat 1. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel will be nominated at the first meeting of the panel. Deputies can be nominated as detailed in the terms of reference.
- 4.2 A work plan and more detailed working practices of the panel will be developed at the first meeting of the panel.

5.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 5.1 N/A

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 N/A

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Group Spokespersons have been consulted in the development of the proposals for the remit of the Health and Care Performance Panel.

8.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

- 8.1 N/A

9.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 9.1 N/A

10.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 10.1 It is expected that officer support for the Health and Care Performance Panel will be met from within existing resources.

11.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 N/A

12.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?
(c) No because of another reason which is: The report is for information to Members and there are no direct equalities implications at this stage.

13.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 N/A

14.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 N/A

15.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

15.1 Committee approves the proposed terms of reference for the Health and Care Performance Panel.

15.2 Committee is requested to make the appropriate nominations for members and deputies to the Health and Care Performance Panel.

16.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

16.1 The recommendations will ensure that Committee members strengthen the role of health scrutiny at Wirral council as proposed by the Francis Report Scrutiny Panel.

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APPENDICES:

Draft Terms of reference for the Health and Care Performance Panel