

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

PROPOSED HEALTH AND CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

TERMS OF REFERENCE - DRAFT

CONTEXT

This panel has been established in response to the recommendations made by the Francis Report Scrutiny Panel (January 2014).

PURPOSE & FUNCTION

The Health and Care Performance Panel will support the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee by examining, evaluating and monitoring health & social care performance issues and themes across the Borough and beyond (as considered appropriate).

The Panel shall report its findings and make recommendations to the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee as it considers necessary and appropriate.

The Panel shall also undertake such other work / tasks as are allocated to it by the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee from time to time.

MEMBERSHIP

Members will be drawn from the Families and Wellbeing Committee.

The Panel membership will consist of 7 Elected Members and seats will be allocated in accordance with the political proportionality of the Council.

CHAIR and VICE CHAIR

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel will be agreed by the Panel at its first meeting. The appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair shall be for the Municipal Year (unless otherwise changed by the Panel).

DEPUTIES

A maximum of 8 Elected Members per political group may be nominated to sit on the Panel as Deputies. The appointment of Deputies shall take effect upon the Group Leaders of each political group notifying the Head of Legal & Member Services of their deputy nominations.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Health and Care Performance Panel will provide oversight, support and challenge to the activities of Wirral Council and its partners in relation to the following key areas:

- Scrutinise the draft Quality Accounts of health service providers and offer feedback;
- Review evidence that the priorities set in the Quality Account are being delivered;
- Scrutinise the general performance of the local Trusts, escalating issues to the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee as appropriate.
- Establish an effective flow of information and identify health service indicators with other bodies, such as Wirral Healthwatch, Wirral CCG and the Quality Surveillance Group (led by the NHS England Area Team).
- Review the performance of social care providers as appropriate.

The Panel will engage appropriately with partners across the Health & Social Care sector.

The Panel will be supported by officers from the Council and Partner agencies as and when required.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

A minimum of two Panel meetings will be held per year. At least one meeting will review progress against the current quality account and one to provide comments on draft quality accounts.

Additional meetings may be scheduled as and when required by the Panel.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chair (or Vice-Chair) of the Panel will have authority to respond to Quality Accounts.

REGULAR OUTPUTS

The Panel will provide commentary on the Quality Accounts annually to the health partners. Any other commentary will be reported to the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee.