

People Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thursday 14th July 2016

REPORT TITLE:	HEALTH AND CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL
REPORT OF:	Clare Fish (Strategic Director of Families & Wellbeing)

REPORT SUMMARY

This report requests that members approve the terms of reference and nominate the membership to the Health and Care Performance Panel for the 2015/16 municipal year.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. Committee approves the proposed terms of reference for the Health and Care Performance Panel.
2. Committee is requested to make the appropriate nominations for members and deputies to the Health and Care Performance Panel.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The recommendations will ensure that Committee members continue to fulfil their health scrutiny role.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 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 the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee and by Cabinet. One of the recommendations included a proposal to establish a standing member's panel to monitor the performance of health providers.
- 3.2 Subsequently, the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee agreed that a Panel be established to scrutinise the performance of health and care services in Wirral. The Panel has now been in place for two years. Feedback from those members directly involved has been positive. Although the Council's scrutiny arrangements have been recently reviewed to enable members to focus the scrutiny work programme on the themes of the Wirral Plan, there continues to be a statutory requirement to undertake health scrutiny. It is, therefore, proposed that the Health & Care Performance Panel will be re-established for the new municipal year (2016/17). The panel will report to the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 The proposed terms of reference for the panel (2016/17) are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. Only minor changes have been made to the version adopted during the previous municipal year.
- 3.4 In previous years, the Panel was established on a politically proportionate basis. This will mean that the membership for the 2016/17 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.
- 3.5 It is proposed that a meeting schedule for the municipal year will be developed, to be agreed by the Chair, Vice Chair and Spokespersons. Additional meetings will be arranged if required during the year.
- 3.6 It is also suggested that a work plan for the Panel will be agreed at the first meeting of the Panel.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The terms of reference for the Panel are attached to this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

Officer support for the Health and Care Performance Panel will continue to be provided from within existing resources.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct equality implications of this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Health and Care Performance Panel – Terms of Reference

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date

APPENDIX 1

HEALTH AND CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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 People Overview & Scrutiny 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 People Overview & Scrutiny Committee as it considers necessary and appropriate.

The Panel shall also undertake such other work / tasks as are allocated to it by the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee from time to time.

MEMBERSHIP

Members will be drawn from the People Overview & Scrutiny 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 People Overview & Scrutiny 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.

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 People Overview & Scrutiny Committee.