

**Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Adult Care and Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee - Work programme update report</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Chair of the Committee – Cllr Julie McManus</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the other three Overview & Scrutiny Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual scrutiny work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the Wirral Plan pledges which are within the remit of the Committee.

It is envisaged that the work programme will be formed from a combination of scrutiny reviews, standing items and requested officer reports. This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. Some initial ideas for a work programme are attached as an appendix to this report, based on issues which were of interest to members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in the municipal year 2017/18.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

Members are requested to:

1. Approve the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2018/19, making any required amendments.
2. Support a proposal for a dedicated work programme planning session to be convened for the Chair, Vice-Chair and Party Spokespersons to give further detailed consideration to the Committee's work programme prior to the next scheduled Committee meeting in September.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

### 3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### 3.1 THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND THE WIRRAL PLAN

The work programme should align with the priorities of the Council and its partners. The programme will be informed by:

- The Wirral Plan pledges
- The Council's transformation programme
- The Council's Forward Plan
- Service performance information
- Risk management information
- Public or service user feedback
- Referrals from Cabinet / Council

The specific Wirral Plan pledges and associated strategies of particular relevance to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee are:

<b>Pledge</b>	<b>Strategies</b>
Older People Live Well	Ageing Well in Wirral <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Ageing%20Well%20Strategy.pdf">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Ageing%20Well%20Strategy.pdf</a>
People with Disabilities Live Independently	All age disability strategy: People with disabilities live independently <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/All%20Age%20Disability%20Strategy.pdf">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/All%20Age%20Disability%20Strategy.pdf</a>
Zero Tolerance to Domestic Violence	Zero tolerance to domestic abuse <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Domestic%20Abuse%20%20Strategy.pdf">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Wirral%20Plan/Domestic%20Abuse%20%20Strategy.pdf</a>

In addition, members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee will also want to consider how best to undertake their health scrutiny role.

### 3.2 PRINCIPLES FOR PRIORITISATION

Good practice suggests that, in order to maximise the impact of scrutiny, it is necessary to prioritise proposed topics within the work programme. Members may find the following criteria helpful in providing a guideline towards ensuring that the most significant topics are prioritised:

<b>Principles for Prioritisation</b>	
Wirral Plan	Does the topic have a direct link with one of the 2020 pledges?
	Will the review lead to improved outcomes for Wirral residents?
Public Interest	Does the topic have particular importance for Wirral Residents?
Transformation	Will the review support the transformation of the Council?
Financial Significance	Is the subject matter an area of significant spend or potential saving?
	Will the review support the Council in achieving its savings targets?
Timeliness / Effectiveness	Is this the most appropriate time for this topic to be scrutinised?
	Will the review be a good use of Council resources?

By assessing prospective topics using these criteria, the Committee can prioritise an effective work programme that ensures relevance and the highest potential to enhance outcomes for residents.

### 3.3 DELIVERING THE WORK PROGRAMME

It is anticipated that the work programme will be delivered through a combination of:

- Scrutiny reviews undertaken by task & finish groups
- Evidence days and workshops
- Committee reports provided by officers
- Standing committee agenda items, for example, performance monitoring and financial monitoring
- Spotlight sessions
- Standing panels (where deemed necessary)

As some of the selected topics may well cut across the Wirral Plan themes, it is anticipated that some of the scrutiny topics may be of interest to members of more than one committee. In these circumstances, opportunities for members of more than one committee to work jointly on an item of scrutiny work will be explored.

Regular work programme update reports will provide the Committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year.

### **3.4 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS**

#### **3.5 Update on Completed Scrutiny Work Programme Items**

The following work programme items have recently been concluded. Members may wish to note the following:

##### Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Scrutiny Review

NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) is the name given to a package of care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS for individuals who are not in hospital and have been assessed as having a "primary health need". Members of the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee previously approved the establishment of a Task & Finish group to consider the accessibility and operation of the scheme for residents in Wirral. Final meetings and evidence gathering sessions have now taken place, and the scrutiny review report can be found elsewhere on the agenda.

##### Quality Accounts

Providers of NHS healthcare services in England are required to publish an annual Quality Account. The Quality Account provides information on performance across the year, and identifies the priorities for improvement during the forthcoming year. Members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee reviewed the Quality Accounts in May 2018 and provided formal comments to each of the following NHS Trusts who serve Wirral residents:

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

#### **3.6 Transfer of Scrutiny Work Programme Items**

A number of work programme items for previous municipal year(s) have been carried over onto the work programme for 2018/19. The following may be of interest to members:

##### Respite Services Scrutiny Review

This Task & Finish review was initiated in order to assess users' experiences of alternative respite provision following the decision to close Girtrell Court. There has been some delay in the review in order to give service users and families/carers an opportunity to make use of the new service provision at Tollemache Road, before being approached for feedback. Further work will now take place in order to complete this review. A questionnaire is in development which will be used to assess the satisfaction of service users and families/carers towards the new service provision, and the transition process to that service. Subsequently, focus groups with a number of families/carers and service users will be held.

### Urgent Care Review

A Spotlight session was held on 21st February 2018, at which Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) provided members with background information relating to a forthcoming review of Urgent Care services in the Borough. Wirral CCG will be developing potential options for future service delivery which will be subject to a Public consultation during 2018. A full report regarding the Urgent Care Review is expected to be presented to members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee at a future meeting.

### **3.7 Forthcoming Activities**

#### Mental Health Commissioning Workshop

A joint workshop for members of both the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and the Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee is planned for a future date (the original workshop date of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 was postponed at the requested of Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) stating that further discussions regarding the procurement process were required in advance of the workshop).

The purpose of the workshop will be to involve members in the proposed 'Improving Access to Psychological Therapies' (IAPT) re-tender, and the future overall mental health procurement exercise. A feedback report on this workshop will be presented to Members at a future meeting.

#### Clinical Senate

Clinical Senates are forums of multi-disciplinary clinical leadership working with patients and the Public to provide independent advice on issues that will transform healthcare, better integrate services and ensure future clinical configuration of services based on the considered views of local clinicians and the best interest of patients.

It is proposed that members of both the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee take part in a joint workshop to gain an understanding of the Clinical Senate and how it may benefit future work programme items. This joint workshop is proposed to take place during July 2018.

### **3.8 SCRUTINY OF RISK**

In the previous municipal year, a number of Members highlighted the need for scrutiny to consider risk as part of the scrutiny work programme. To develop Members' understanding of risk and risk management, a number of 'risk awareness sessions' will be delivered early in the municipal year. Proposals for how scrutiny considers risk as part of the scrutiny work programme can then be developed through Member feedback.

### **3.9 FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

In line with the remit of the Committee and the principles for prioritisation, as described above, Members are requested to suggest possible topics for inclusion in the work programme. Committee Members should also consider how best to further develop the work programme in advance of the next scheduled Committee meeting in September. This could be achieved by Committee providing delegated authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and

Spokespersons to provide further detailed input to the work programme's development.

**4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

**5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

**6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

The delivery of the scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

**7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

Not Applicable

**8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

Not Applicable

**9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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**APPENDICES:**

**Appendix 1:** Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

**REFERENCE MATERIAL - SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

Council Meeting	Date