

**Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday 26th June 2019**

REPORT TITLE:	Establishment of the Health and Care Performance Working Group 2019/20
REPORT OF:	Head of Intelligence (Scrutiny Team Manager) Business Services

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to establish a Health and Care Performance Working Group for the municipal year 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee:

- (a) Agrees to establish a cross party Health and Care Performance Working Group for the current municipal year; and
- (b) Appoints members to the Working Group, or agrees that nominations be confirmed by the Chair and Party Spokespersons of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee at the earliest available opportunity.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

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

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 A Health and Care Performance Panel was previously established in the 2018/19 municipal year as a sub-committee of the Adult Care and Health Performance Panel.

3.2 It is proposed that the Health and Care Performance Panel be re-established as a working group in 2019/20 in order to further examine, evaluate and monitor the performance of health and social care providers in Wirral.

4.0 PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

4.1 The Health and Care Performance Working Group will support the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee by monitoring health and social care performance issues and themes across the Borough and beyond (as is considered appropriate).

4.2 The working group's work programme will primarily comprise of items that require detailed examination, either by means of pieces of work that are tasked to the working group through the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee agenda setting meetings, or by the group's own discretion. Members of the working group have the authority to collectively propose any areas of interest relating to health and social care that they may wish to explore.

4.3 The working group shall report its findings and make recommendations to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee as it considers necessary and appropriate, by way of a written report presented by the Chair and/or Members of the Panel.

4.4 The working group shall also undertake such other work/tasks as are allocated to it by the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The working group shall consist of a cross-party group of seven elected Members drawn from the current membership of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

- 5.2 The Chair of the working group will be agreed by the group at its first meeting. The appointment of the Chair shall be for the duration of the 2019/20 municipal year, unless otherwise changed by the working group. The Chair will be responsible for reporting the working group's findings to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.3 In all cases, should a member of the working group be unable to attend a meeting, a deputy may attend in his/her place.
- 5.4 Other key members of, and contributors to the Panel will include representatives from:
- Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
 - Department of Adult Social Services (DASS)
 - Wirral Healthwatch
 - Public Health
- 5.5 The working group will also engage appropriately with other partners across the Health & Social Care sector, and be supported by officers from the Council and Partner agencies as and when required.

6.0 REMIT OF THE WORKING GROUP

- 6.1 The Health and Care Performance working group will provide oversight, support and challenge to the activities of Wirral Council and its partners. In order to deliver this function, the group will:
- Scrutinise the draft Quality Accounts of health service providers; this will include reviewing evidence that priorities are being delivered and offering feedback to providers.
 - Oversee CQC Ratings across Wirral and determine the need for follow up enquiries and actions.
 - Examine quality framework and performance measures for the health sector in Wirral.
 - Scrutinise the general performance of NHS Providers, escalating issues to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee as appropriate.
 - Establish an effective flow of information and identify health service indicators alongside other bodies, such as Wirral Healthwatch and Wirral CCG.
 - Review the performance of social care providers as appropriate.
 - Report to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee following each meeting in order to inform the Committee of key issues, discussions and relevant recommendations.

7.0 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- 7.1 Working group meetings will take place approximately every 8 weeks. Additional meetings may be scheduled as and when required by the working group.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

10.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

The delivery of the Health and Care Performance working group work programme will be met from within existing resources.

11.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

12.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

13.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

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

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APPENDICES

BACKGROUND PAPERS

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date