

Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thursday 27th February 2020

REPORT TITLE:	Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme Update Report
REPORT OF:	Head of Intelligence (Statutory Scrutiny Officer) Business Service

REPORT SUMMARY

The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in co-operation 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.

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. The work programme for the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested to;

1. Approve the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2019/20, making any required amendments.
2. Authorise the Chair and Party Spokespersons to review the draft Quality Accounts 2019/20 of local health partners and to provide a response on behalf of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 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

- 2.1 Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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 Plan
- 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:

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

3.2 PRINCIPLES FOR PRIORITISATION

- 3.2.1 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:

Principles for Prioritisation	
Wirral Plan and Council Plan Priorities	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 or working groups (where deemed necessary)

As some of the selected topics may well cut across the Wirral Plan themes and Council Plan priorities, 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

3.4.1 *5G and Public Health*; Following interest from Members, and a public question at the Council meeting of 14th October 2019, a workshop for all Members on the implications of the roll out of 5G on Wirral is due to be arranged. This workshop is provisionally scheduled to take place in March 2020.

3.4.2 *Review of Draft Quality Accounts 2019/20*; Under the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010 (and later the National Health Service (Quality Accounts)

Amendment Regulations 2012), healthcare providers publishing Quality Accounts are required to send a draft of the Quality Account to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the local authority in whose area the provider has its registered or principal office located and invite comments on the document. This Quality Account provides information on performance across the year and identifies the priorities for improvement during the forthcoming year.

3.4.3 Providers must send their draft Quality Account to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee by 30th April each year at the latest. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee then has a maximum of 30 days in which to respond. The Department of Health requires providers to submit their final Quality Account by 30th June each year.

3.4.4 In recent municipal years, the Chair and Party Spokespersons have taken on the responsibility of responding to the draft Quality Accounts on behalf of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. It is proposed that this process is followed again for 2019/20 so that Quality Accounts may be reviewed and formally responded to in time for the final submission of NHS Trusts to the Department of Health before the end of June 2020.

3.5 FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

3.5.1 The governance arrangements of the Council have recently been reviewed and as of May 2020, the current scrutiny model and committee structure will change. The Chairs of all four current Overview & Scrutiny Committees have worked collaboratively to address cross-cutting matters and ensure that the necessary prioritisation and scheduling of Committee work programme items has taken place.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Although health trusts have a duty to consult with Overview and Scrutiny Committees regarding the draft Quality Account, it is not mandatory for the Committee to formally respond. However, to do so would be regarded as good practice.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

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

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are no relevant risks.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Not Applicable.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

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

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Not Applicable

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APPENDICES

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	26 th June 2019
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	16 th September 2019
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	19 th November 2019
Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	21 st January 2020