

MEETING:	COUNCIL
MEETING DATE:	6 March 2015
TITLE OF REPORT:	Annual Report of the Health And Social Care Overview And Scrutiny Committee 2014/15
REPORT BY:	Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To inform Council of the work undertaken by the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny during the municipal year 2014/15.

Recommendation

THAT: the report be noted

Alternative Options

- 1 There are no alternative options as the report is for information only.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 To comply with the requirement in the council's constitution that Council will receive annual reports from committees.
- 3 The scrutiny function is a legal requirement by virtue of Schedule 2 of the Localism Act 2011.

Key Considerations

- 4 Since the Annual Meeting of Council, the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee has met in public on seven occasions with a further meeting held

jointly with the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the budget. The Committee has also held six Workshops

- 5 There have been many subjects brought before the Committee throughout the year. The Adult Social Care Transformation Plan has featured heavily, with the Committee receiving regular updates on progress and key implementations. Due to priority accorded to children's safeguarding in the County, regular updates on the subject took place, together with three workshops on child sexual exploitation.
- 6 Accountability Sessions, which were created in light of the Francis Enquiry and Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust have continued. These sessions are for members and members of the public to question the major health bodies on their performance over the past year and their future plans.
- 7 The Committee also investigated the Wye Valley NHS Trust after the Trust was put into special measures by the Care Quality Commission, and received a report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive of the Trust as to how the situation was being addressed.
- 8 A summary of the Committee's work is detailed below

Scrutiny Workshops

The following scrutiny Workshops have been held to discuss issues:

- Three Workshops on issues associated with Child Sexual Exploitation
- Inter-agency Communications
- Stroke Services
- Performance Management and Improvement across the Council

Pre-Decision Scrutiny

The following matters were subject to pre-decision scrutiny:

- Budget 2013-2014 and Medium Term Financial Strategy

Updates

The Committee has heard reports on:

- Wye Valley NHS Trust, Care Quality Commission, West Midlands Ambulance Service, 2gether NHS Foundation Trust
- Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and Business Plan
- Care Act 2014
- Children's Safeguarding Performance Data
- Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding Mandatory training for Members
- Children in Care Council
- Implementation of the Children and Families Act 2014
- Adult Social Care Peer Challenge
- Clinical Commissioning Group: Integrated Urgent Care Pathway
- Public Health Management Arrangements
- Adult Wellbeing Transformation Plan

Accountability Sessions

The following have attended accountability sessions:

- Healthwatch
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Arden, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Area Team
- 2gether NHS Foundation Trust
- West Midlands Ambulance Service

- 9 The Chairman of the Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee would like to thank members of the public and partners for their continued participation in the work of the Committee over the year.

Background Papers

- None identified.