

MEETING:	COUNCIL
MEETING DATE:	18 JULY 2014
TITLE OF REPORT:	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2013/14
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 2013/14.

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 twelve occasions with a further meeting held jointly with the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the budget.
- 5 From January 2014 the frequency of meetings was reduced and, to facilitate more effective working arrangements better use has been made of informal workshops and briefings. Task and finish reviews remain the appropriate forum for more in depth reviews of subject areas.
- 6 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 and a review of the scrutiny of children's safeguarding took place.
- 7 This year saw the introduction of 'Accountability Sessions'. These were created in light of the Francis Enquiry and Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust. 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.
- 8 The Committee also investigated the mortality rates at Wye Valley NHS Trust after being alerted to the spike in these rates by Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 9 A summary of the Committee's work is detailed below

Scrutiny Reviews

The following in-depth scrutiny reviews have been completed or are in progress:

- Scrutiny of Children's Safeguarding
- Adult Wellbeing Next Stage Integration Plan

Pre-Decision Scrutiny

The following matters were subject to pre-decision scrutiny:

- Budget 2013-2014 and Medium Term Financial Strategy
- Public Health Core Offer
- Clinical Commissioning Group

Updates

The Committee has heard updates on:

- Wye Valley Trust, Care Quality Commission, West Midlands Ambulance Service, 2gether NHS Trust
- Children's Social Care External Audit report
- Feedback from Members seminars on children's safeguarding
- Mortality rates at Wye Valley Trust
- Children's Services workforce
- Adult Social Care Business Change Programme
- Department for Education six month review on children's safeguarding
- Framework Development Plan
- Adult Wellbeing Organisational Priorities

- Care and Support Bill
- Adult Wellbeing Transformation Plan

Accountability Sessions

The following have attended accountability sessions:

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

- 10 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.
- 11 The Committee would also like to thank the outgoing Chairman and Vice Chairman for their work over the year.

Appendices

- None

Background Papers

- None identified.