

# Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

**Dorset County Council**



Date of Meeting	7 June 2016
Officer	Director for Adult and Community Services
<b>Subject of Report</b>	<b>Annual Work Programme April 2016 to March 2017</b>
Executive Summary	<p>This report sets out a work programme for the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee between April 2016 and March 2017. The work falls under four headings: task and finish groups; joint health scrutiny work; reports to Committee; and 'other' work.</p> <p>Broad agreement as to the scope of this Work Programme was given at a Health Scrutiny Members workshop held on 1 March 2015, and this is laid out in the table at Appendix 1. Whilst it is not possible to anticipate all the work which may arise during the year, setting out the known commitments can be helpful with regard to planning.</p> <p>Discussion at the Members workshop suggested a number of further areas of interest. These items have been incorporated into the agendas planned for the coming year and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis at agenda planning meetings and at each Committee meeting, as the Forward Plan is now a standing item on the agenda.</p> <p>In addition, Healthwatch Dorset attended the Members' workshop and shared their priorities for 2016/17. Reports will be provided to the Committee by Healthwatch as areas of work are progressed.</p>
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment:  Not applicable.

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<p><i>Please refer to the <a href="#">protocol</a> for writing reports.</i></p>	<p>Use of Evidence: The Work Programme is based on: Members' decisions at Committee meetings throughout the previous year, on the need to carry out certain duties and on discussions at the annual members' workshop, held on 1 March 2016.</p>
	<p>Budget:</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>
	<p>Risk Assessment:</p> <p>Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as: Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk LOW</p>
	<p>Other Implications:</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That the Committee consider the draft Work Programme and agree a final version, and that the final version be published on the Health Scrutiny page on Dorset for You.</p>
<p>Reason for Recommendation</p>	<p>The work of the Committee contributes to the County Council's aim to protect and improve the health, wellbeing and safeguarding of Dorset's citizens.</p>
<p>Appendices</p>	<p>1 Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee – Proposed Work Programme April 2016 to March 2017</p>
<p>Background Papers</p>	<p>None.</p>
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## DORSET HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – Work Programme April 2016 to March 2017

1. SCRUTINY TASK AND FINISH GROUPS				
TOPIC	OBJECTIVE	Proposed TYPE OF EXERCISE	Proposed TIMESCALE	Comment / actions
<b>Quality Accounts</b>	<p>To formulate the commentary from the Committee for the Quality Accounts from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;</li> <li>• Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust.</li> </ul>	<p>Task and Finish Group comprised of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The relevant liaison member for each Trust will be called upon to contribute in respect of the Trust to which they are linked.</p>	<p>Ongoing annual process.</p>	<p>Task and Finish Groups met twice in 2015/16 to formulate commentary for Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>Relevant feedback from the CQC, Monitor, Healthwatch, Help with NHS Complaints or the Trusts' own complaints services may also be incorporated into the Committee's commentary.</p> <p>Two Quality Account meetings will held during 2016/17 at a half-year (October) and end of year point (April).</p> <p>In addition the Quality Account for the Weldmar Hospice Care Trust will be considered at Committee on an annual basis; and the Quality Account for South Western Ambulance Service Foundation Trust will be considered by the Liaison Member and commentary provided as appropriate.</p>
<b>Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b>	<p>To respond on behalf of the Committee to any consultation on the development of the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy by the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	<p>Task and Finish Group consisting of three members previously identified; may need to be reviewed.</p>	<p>A new Strategy for the period 2016 to 2019 will be circulated for comment during the summer of 2016.</p>	<p>This Task and Finish Group responded to the consultation process for the first JHWS; it remains constituted and can reconvene as and when required for the next JHWS.</p> <p>The Strategy was formally adopted by the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2013. A new JHWS will be published in 2016.</p>

<b>Review of all protocols relating to the Committee</b>	To review and update all protocols that the Committee has in place in light of the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and guidance issued by the Department of Health.	Task and Finish Group established to review protocols with Health Partnerships Officer.  Specific Task and Finish Group convened to review Joint Committee arrangements.	To be completed in conjunction with Bournemouth Borough Council and Borough of Poole. Timescale dependent on all partners.	Department of Health regulations were published in 2013 and guidance was published in June 2014. The Protocol with Healthwatch and the Protocol for the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee have been revised, but revision of the following is still to be completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocol for Joint Health Scrutiny in Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset</li> <li>• South West / Wessex Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol</li> </ul>
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## 2. JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY WORK

TOPIC	OBJECTIVE	Proposed TYPE OF EXERCISE	Proposed TIMESCALE	Comment / actions
<b>NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group: Clinical Services Review</b>	To scrutinise and comment on proposals following a pan-Dorset review of clinical services, including a review of the Mental Health Acute Care Pathway.	Changes will need to be scrutinised on a joint Local Authority basis (Lead to be decided on case by case basis).	Meetings held in July and December 2015 and June 2016.  Consultation to commence in mid to late 2016.	The review will provide a 'blueprint' for health (and social care) and assist in designing services for the future.  An initial review was carried out by an external consultancy firm; options have been drawn up and are being reviewed prior to full consultation.
<b>South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust – NHS 111 Service</b>	To scrutinise and comment on concerns raised regarding the running of the NHS 111 service.	Concerns may need to be scrutinised on a joint Local Authority basis (Lead to be decided).	To be confirmed following further reports to DHSC.	Following allegations that the service provided by SWASFT was under-resourced, members from each Local Authority will be asked to consider whether they wish to scrutinise this matter through an ad-hoc Joint Committee.

<b>3. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE</b>				
<b>a. Standing items</b>				
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>Proposed TYPE OF EXERCISE</b>	<b>Proposed TIMESCALE</b>	<b>Comment / actions</b>
<b>Matters for consultation (merger, structural change, joint commissioning, substantial variations to services)</b>	To consider and respond to matters raised for consultation by local NHS bodies, NHS Commissioners or Department of Health / other bodies.	As appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through Officers' Reference Group and officer report.</li> <li>Through ad hoc Task and Finish Groups.</li> </ul>	As required.	Substantial variations and formal consultations to be raised by NHS partners, discussed within Officers Reference Group and reported to Committee as and when they arise.
<b>Comments / submissions to the Care Quality Commission (CQC)</b>	To provide input from the Committee to inform the work of the Care Quality Commission.	To be guided by discussion with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).	To be guided by CQC.	Review reports submitted to the CQC; regular six monthly liaison meetings or telephone contact to be re-established with the Health Partnerships Officer and/or Chairman.
<b>Local Healthwatch</b>	To ensure the Committee is fully aware of the work of Healthwatch Dorset and the model of service delivery.	Consider any issues raised by Healthwatch Dorset as agenda programme allows.	Regular feedback to be provided to the Committee, as appropriate.	Representatives from Healthwatch Dorset to be invited to attend all meetings of the Committee.  Work programmes and priorities to be shared between the Committee and Healthwatch Dorset.
<b>Children and Young People's Plan and any other issues relating to the health of children and young people</b>	To ensure the Committee is able to make appropriate links with the health priorities, targets and issues relating to children and young people.	Update reports and briefings as appropriate, raising any items of interest and concern.  Any issues arising to be examined as programme allows.	To check before every meeting -standing item.	Items would be submitted via Joint Strategic Commissioning Manager Children's Services DCC who attends Officers Reference Group prior to each meeting.  Health Partnerships Officer to liaise with Head of Strategic Planning, Commissioning and Performance within DCC Children's Service for this update.

<b>b. Briefings for information within meetings</b>				
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>Proposed TYPE OF EXERCISE</b>	<b>Proposed TIMESCALE</b>	<b>Comment / actions</b>
<b>Changes within the NHS for information</b>	To ensure the Committee is kept informed and up to date with changes that are of relevance to the Committee.	Update reports and briefings from commissioners, providers or other bodies, as appropriate.	To check before every meeting- standing item.	Where possible, items to be submitted via the Officers Reference Agenda Planning Group prior to each meeting.
<b>Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan</b>	To ensure that the Committee is informed re future planned agenda items and has the opportunity to comment or contribute.	Quarterly template report.	To be prepared for each Committee meeting.	Items to be added to the Forward Plan on an on-going basis by Health Partnerships Officer.

<b>4. OTHER WORK</b>				
<b>TASK / AREA OF WORK</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>Proposed TYPE OF EXERCISE</b>	<b>Proposed TIMESCALE</b>	<b>Comment / actions</b>
<b>Annual Report</b>	To publicise the work of the Committee across the health community and to the general public.	Production of an annual report.	September 2016.	Draft Report to be approved by Committee for publication each autumn. Report to be shared with Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board.