

Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	29 November 2018
Officer	Helen Coombes, Transformation Programme Lead for the Adult and Community Services Forward Together Programme
Subject of Report	Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan
Executive Summary	<p>A Forward Plan is brought to each Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee meeting, to enable agreement of future agenda items.</p> <p>This report provides the Forward Plan for the last scheduled meeting of the current Health Scrutiny Committee, prior to the inception of the new Dorset Council in April 2019.</p> <p>In recognition of the changes that will take place to the Committee's structure following the establishment of the new Authority on 1 April, it is suggested that Members defer detailed discussions about the Health Scrutiny Committee's work programme which normally take place at this time of year, until their first meeting under Dorset Council.</p> <p>In addition, Members are requested to consider the Committee's approach to the scrutiny of Housing and Health – a topic which was identified for consideration when the current annual work programme was agreed on 13 November 2017. (See Appendix 2).</p>
Impact Assessment:	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment: Not applicable.</p> <p>Use of Evidence: Information provided by the Healthy Homes Programme Manager.</p>

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	<p>Budget: Not applicable.</p>
	<p>Risk Assessment: Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk: LOW</p>
	<p>Other Implications: None.</p>
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Members consider the Forward Plan for 7 March 2019 as currently indicated at Appendix 1; 2. That Members consider and agree upon an approach for the scrutiny of Housing and Health in 2019 as suggested at Appendix 2, Section 4.2.
Reason for Recommendations	<p>To enable the Committee to fulfil its current duties to support the health and wellbeing of Dorset's citizens and to make best use of opportunities for scrutiny.</p>
Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan 2. Briefing note: Housing and Health
Background Papers	<p>Minutes of Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee: https://dorset.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=142</p>
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Format	Organisation	Subject	Comments
Report	Multi-agency	Mental Health Support for Children and Young People: Inquiry Day	To present a report of the Inquiry Day held in July and to consider recommendations
Report	Multi-agency	Suicide Prevention in Dorset	To present the outcome of a review into the progress of the Dorset Suicide Prevention Strategy
Report	Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Dorset	Annual Reports 2017/18 and Work Programmes 2019	To approve the Committee's Annual Report for 2017/18 and to discuss the Work Programme for 2019, taking into consideration the Annual Report from Healthwatch Dorset and their priorities
Report	Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee	Forward Plan – Dates of future meetings, including planned agenda items	To raise awareness of and agree future agenda items, meetings, workshops and seminars
Items for information or note			
Briefing	NHS Dorset CCG	Review of Mental Health Rehabilitation Services	To inform the Committee of a review being undertaken
Briefing	NHS Dorset CCG	Review of Physiotherapy Services	To inform the Committee of a review being undertaken

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Report	Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee	Clinical Services Review and Mental Health Acute Care Pathway Review – update	To provide an update regarding the work of the Joint Committees (CSR and SWAST) and the referral to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
Report	Dorset County Hospital	Care Quality Commission Inspection Report	To present the outcome of an inspection carried out by the Care Quality Commission, including progress against actions arising
Report	Dorset County Hospital	Repatriation of Bridport activity	To provide an update regarding the potential re-location of some services from Bridport to Dorchester, following report to Committee on 17 October 2018.
Report	NHS Dorset CCG	Freestyle Libre® blood glucose monitoring system for Diabetes	To provide an update on the CCG's provision of the Freestyle Libre® blood glucose monitoring system for patients with diabetes, following the report to DHSC on 17 October 2018
Report	NHS Dorset CCG	Review of Dementia Services	To present the strategic case arising from the review of Dementia Services
Report	Dorset HealthCare	Triangle of Care initiative	To raise awareness of Dorset HealthCare's work around enhanced carer support and involvement for carers of people with mental health needs
<i>Report (TBC)</i>	<i>Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee</i>	<i>Proposed Standing Joint Health Scrutiny Committee</i>	<i>To review the concept of a Standing (permanent) Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.</i>
Report	Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee	Work Programme and Forward Plan – Dates of future meetings, including planned agenda items	To discuss the Work Programme for 2019 and to raise awareness of and agree future agenda items, meetings, workshops and seminars
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Briefing for Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee – Housing and Health

1 Health and Housing: The national context:

- 1.1 The relationship between housing and health is well established with a growing evidence base for the role of housing in improving health outcomes.
- 1.2 The quality of people's housing has a similar impact on health - and health and social care costs - as tobacco or alcohol use. Significant public health gains can be achieved through cost-effective (and humane) improvements to poor housing, such as preventing the development of respiratory and circulatory diseases through living in a warm, dry home or fitting stair handrails to prevent falls.
- 1.3 Despite the recognition of the need for partnerships between health and housing, there are ideological and organisational obstacles to developing shared approaches. The contribution made by housing has not in the past been well understood by health decision makers, and NHS commissioning frameworks have not well reflected the wider determinants of health.

2 Local evidence of need:

- 2.1 Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) surveys of 29 housing hazards and the effect that each may have on the health and safety of householders tell us the most common hazard failures locally are excess cold, falling on stairs and falling on level surfaces.
- 2.2 These hazards are strongly associated with older homes, rural homes, households with low incomes, disabled residents, and heads of household aged under 25 or over 65.
- 2.3 Housing Authorities have duties and powers to enforce housing standards, particularly removal of the most serious HHSRS hazards. The Home Energy Conservation Act specifies duties to report on relevant plans and progress toward improving home energy efficiency.
- 2.4 The epidemiological shifts faced by an ageing population and the inevitable increase of chronic conditions place increasing demands for works to allow vulnerable occupiers to continue to live independently in their own homes. Improving energy efficiency also helps improve physical and mental health and wellbeing of vulnerable residents.

3 Local service provision:

- 3.1 *Dorset Accessible Homes Service* offers free information, and Occupational Therapist-led advice and support on moving to a more suitable home or adapting a current home to enable continued independent living. It also provides minor and major adaptations to make it easier to get in, out, and around the home, and make using the kitchen and bathroom easier.
- 2.2 *Safe and Independent Living* is a multiple agency referral scheme, allowing front line workers a simple route to refer service users to a wide variety of other support services to help keep people safe and independent in their own homes, including local social activities, fire safety checks, and home maintenance services.
- 3.3 *Healthy Homes Dorset* offers expert advice keeping homes warm, alongside free insulation and heating improvements. By improving the energy efficiency of houses through insulation the programme hopes to make a substantial contribution to making all Dorset's homes healthy and comfortable.

4 Scope of scrutiny and Recommendation:

- 4.1 A scrutiny exercise could cover the following aspects of Housing and Health:
- Context setting (data re the scale of the problem, highlighting particular localities and vulnerable groups);
 - Information about what is being done to tackle the problems;
 - Consideration of the gaps in knowledge and services;
 - Discussion re opportunities going forwards within the new structure of Dorset Council.
- 4.2 In light of the benefit of involving Housing Officers from the Districts and Boroughs in a piece of scrutiny work, and the opportunity to invite a wider group of Members, some of whom may be new to Local Government, Health Scrutiny Members are asked to consider the following **recommendation**:
1. That the Committee supports the setting up of an all-member Briefing or Inquiry Day re Housing and Health after May/June 2019 (scope and format to be reviewed by officers).