

## Work Programme: Appendix A

### Future subjects for scrutiny by the People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At the its meeting of 11 January 2017, following item 7: *Outcomes Focused Monitoring Report*, the Committee resolved that:

“Cllr Ros Kayes (Lead Member), Cllr Kate Wheller and John Alexander complete a scoping report to help identify items for scrutiny for consideration at the Committee’s next meeting.”

The two councillors and the officer met on 7 March and identified the following two potential areas for scrutiny by the committee. The published *Scrutiny Review Prioritisation Methodology* was applied.

The committee is asked to consider these items, and if agreed, ask that when the committee reconvenes following the County Council elections in May, a lead member and lead officer is nominated for each of these items and a full scoping exercise is instigated.

### Mental Health

Corporate Plan outcome:	<b>People in Dorset are Healthy</b>
Population Indicator(s):	<p>It is acknowledged that at present there is no overarching indicator for the prevalence of mental health issues in Dorset included in the <a href="#">Dorset Outcomes Tracker</a> dataset. This scoping report therefore identifies this as a <b>Data Development Agenda item</b>, and officers will be asked to address this.</p> <p>Other associated population indicators that affect, or are affected by, Mental Health issues, and may therefore be considered as part of any scrutiny review, include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate of young people referred for self-harm</li> <li>• Admission episodes for alcohol-related conditions</li> <li>• Deaths from drug misuse</li> <li>• Child and adult excess weight.</li> </ul>
Rationale	<p>Although limited data is available that gives an overall picture of mental wellbeing in Dorset, some indicators – such as referral rates for self harm, and the level of referrals to the Dorset Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), indicate a growing problem, in line with national trends. There is evidence to strongly suggest that experiencing mental health issues in childhood can result in lower educational attainment and risky health behaviours such as smoking, drug and alcohol abuse. These factors are likely to lead to increased incidence of diabetes and cardiovascular disease and reduced life expectancy. 75% of adult mental health problems (excluding dementia) begin by age 18.</p> <p>There are significant inequalities in mental health, as with most indicators of health and well-being, between different population groups. Many of these factors are linked to poverty and deprivation.</p>

	This review would seek to understand and scrutinise the effectiveness of multi-agency working to offer early help in dealing with mental health issues, as well as helping vulnerable people deal with the consequences of mental ill-health.
Scrutiny review prioritisation assessment criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the topic/issue likely to have a significant impact on the delivery of council services? <b>YES</b></li> <li>2. Is the issue included in the Corporate Plan (e.g. of strategic importance to the council or its partners/stakeholders), or have the potential to be if not addressed? <b>YES</b></li> <li>3. Is a focused scrutiny review likely to add value to the performance of its services? <b>YES</b></li> <li>4. Is a proactive scrutiny process likely to lead to efficiencies / savings? Potentially – but not main aim</li> <li>5. Has other review work been undertaken which is likely to result in duplication? <b>Unknown at this stage. This question will be examined more fully during a full scoping exercise.</b></li> <li>6. Do sufficient scrutiny resources already exist, or are readily available, to ensure that the necessary work can be carried out in a timely manner? <b>YES</b></li> </ol>

## Elderly care

Corporate Plan outcome:	<b>People in Dorset are Independent</b>
Population Indicator(s):	<p>Primary Indicator: <b>The rate of delayed transfers from hospital care</b></p> <p>Other associated population indicators that are linked to DTOC, and may therefore be considered as part of any scrutiny review, include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rate of permanent admissions to residential care</li> <li>• Percentage of older people reporting that the services they use make them feel safe</li> </ul>
Rationale	<p>Delayed Transfers from Hospital Care has been a growing issue for a number of years – although it is acknowledged that locally the picture has improved recently. It is an issue of significant public concern, and often leads to poorer outcomes for people. The longer people remain in hospital, the more their return to independence and recovery is hindered. This can lead to an increase in the amount of supplementary care that is required. The costs to both social care and the health service are substantial.</p> <p>This review would seek to understand the body of review work that has already been conducted, scrutinise the effectiveness of multi-agency working to improve outcomes for older people leaving hospital and requiring care and support, and examine best practice from elsewhere.</p>

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