

Agenda Item 8

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council	South Holland District Council	South Kesteven District Council	West Lindsey District Council

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, the Director Responsible for Democratic Services

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	13 September 2017
Subject:	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire - Work Programme

Summary:
This item enables the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme, which will be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee to ensure that its content is relevant and will add value to the work of the Council and its partners in the NHS. Members are encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

Actions Required:
The Health Scrutiny Committee is invited to:

- (1) review, consider and comment on the work programme as set out in Appendix A to this report; and
- (2) highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

1. Background

The overview and scrutiny of the health service and other areas within the remit of this Committee should be positive, constructive, independent, fair and open. The scrutiny process should be challenging, as its aim is to identify areas for improvement. Scrutiny activity should be targeted, focused and timely and include issues of corporate and local importance, where scrutiny activity can influence and add value.

Health overview and scrutiny committees should not involve themselves in relatively minor matters or individual cases, particularly where there are other processes (for example NHS complaints processes), which can handle these issues more effectively.

All members of overview and scrutiny committees are encouraged to bring forward important items of community interest to the committee whilst recognising that not all items will be taken up depending on available resource.

Purpose of Scrutiny Activity

Set out below are the definitions used to describe the types of scrutiny, which relate to the Health Scrutiny Committee's work programme:

Policy Development - The Committee is involved in the development of policy, usually at an early stage, where a range of options are being considered.

Policy Review - The Committee is reviewing the implementation of policy, to consider the success, impact, outcomes and performance.

Performance Scrutiny – This describes circumstances where the Health Scrutiny Committee is scrutinising periodic performance, issue specific performance or external inspection reports, for example from the Care Quality Commission.

Consultation - The Health Scrutiny Committee is responding to (or making arrangements to) respond to a consultation, either formally or informally. This includes pre-consultation engagement. This includes consultations on any proposals for a substantial variation or development in local health provision.

Budget Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising the previous year's budget, or the current year's budget or proposals for the future year's budget.

Requests for specific items for information should be dealt with by other means, for instance briefing papers to members.

Identifying Topics

Selecting the right topics where scrutiny can add value is essential in order for scrutiny to be a positive influence on the work of the local NHS. The Committee may wish to consider the following questions when highlighting potential topics for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: -

- Will scrutiny input add value?
Is there a clear objective for scrutinising the topic, what are the identifiable benefits and what is the likelihood of achieving a desired outcome?
- Is the topic a concern to local residents?
Does the topic have a potential impact for one or more section(s) of the local population?

- Is the topic a priority area?
Does the topic relate to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy or other strategy documents, such as the Sustainability and Transformation Plan?
- Are there relevant external factors relating to the issue?
Is the topic a Department of Health or NHS England priority area or is it a result of new government guidance or legislation?

Scrutiny Review Activity

Where a topic requires more in-depth consideration, the Committee may commission a scrutiny panel to undertake a scrutiny review, subject to the availability of resources and approval of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The Committee may also establish a maximum of two working groups at any one time, comprising a group of members from the committee.

Work Programme items on scrutiny review activity can include discussion on possible scrutiny review items; finalising the scoping for the review; consideration and approval of the final report; the response to the report; and monitoring outcomes of previous reviews.

2. Conclusion

The Committee's work programme for the coming year is attached at Appendix A to this report.

The Committee is invited to review, consider and comment on the work programme as set out in Appendix A and highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire – Work Programme

4. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
Work Programme: September 2017 – May 2018

13 September 2017 – 10 am
Grantham Hospital Accident and Emergency Department: Outcome of Referral to the Secretary of State for Health
Commissioning Arrangements for East Midlands Ambulance Service
East Midlands Ambulance Service – Outcomes of Care Quality Commission Inspection and National Ambulance Response Programme

11 October 2017 – 10 am
Lincoln Walk-in-Centre – Report of Decision Made by Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group
Sustainability and Transformation Plan Update, including Long Leys Court Consultation
Dental Services Procurement
Commissioning of Continuing Health Care <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Outcomes of NHS England Consultation on Congenital Heart Disease

8 November – 10 am
Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Introduction and Consultation Arrangements
NHS Immunisation and Screening for Patients in Lincolnshire – Response to Issues Raised in Report by Healthwatch Lincolnshire
Non-Emergency Patient Transport – Thames Ambulance Service <i>(To be confirmed.)</i>
North West Anglia Foundation Trust – Update on Peterborough City Hospital and Stamford and Rutland Hospital

13 December – 10 am
Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group Update
Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Update
Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Pre-Consultation

Items to be Programmed

- Lincolnshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan Consultation Elements: -
 - Women's and Children's Services
 - Emergency and Urgent Care
 - Stroke Services
 - Cancer Care
- Specialised Commissioning
- Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group Update
- South Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group Update
- South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group Update

17 January 2018 – 10 am

21 February 2018 – 10 am

21 March 2018 – 10 am

Annual Report of the Director of Public Health

Arrangements for the Quality Accounts 2018-19

18 April 2018 – 10 am

16 May 2018 – 10 am

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