

14 November 2023

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Health Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

Information

2. The Health Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising substantial variations and developments of service made by NHS organisations, and reviewing other issues impacting on services provided by trusts which are accessed by County residents.
3. The Council's adoption of the Leader and Cabinet/Executive system means that there is now an Overview and Scrutiny function, with Select Committees covering areas including Children and Young People and Adult Social Care and Public Health. While the statutory health scrutiny function sits outside the new Overview and Scrutiny structure, it is appropriate to keep this Committee's work programme under review in conjunction with those of the Select Committees. This is to ensure that we work in partnership with the wider scrutiny function, that work is not duplicated, and that we don't dedicate Committee time unduly to receiving updates on topics.
4. The latest work programme is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration. From September 2023 the Committee will meet monthly. It is intended that no more than two substantive items will be scheduled for each meeting. The work programme will continue to develop, responding to emerging health service changes and issues (such as substantial variations and developments of service), and these will be included as they arise.
5. This meeting was scheduled to consider outcomes from the Newark Hospital Urgent Treatment Centre engagement exercise. However, the qualitative nature of much of the data gathered means that the ICB is not yet able to provide a comprehensive analysis of its findings. The ICB has provided assurance that the Committee will have this information for consideration at its December 2023 meeting.
6. The issue of school readiness has been raised as a potential area for scrutiny and has been included on the agenda for today's meeting for an initial discussion.

7. The Health Scrutiny Officer Lead, Noel McMenamin, will update the Committee at the meeting on any developments to the work programme following publication of the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers and agrees the content of the work programme.

Councillor Sue Saddington
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All