



meeting	JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
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Report of the Chair of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2006-2007

Purpose

1. This report provides an introduction to the role and work of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, outlines its statutory responsibilities and seeks clarification from Members of their preferences for possible areas of scrutiny for the 2006/2007 municipal year.

Background

2. The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was formed in order to carry out duties placed upon local authorities with social services responsibilities by the Health and Social Care Act 2001.
3. The Act placed a duty on local authorities to scrutinise the planning, provision and operation of health services. It also required NHS Services to consult with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny body if they were proposing any substantial developments of services or any substantial variation in service provision.
4. This Committee receives and responds to consultations from NHS bodies which impact upon the conurbation of Nottingham. This includes substantial variation or developments to, for example, services provided by the two major hospitals in the city, the East Central Ambulance Service and the Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust.
5. A protocol for the operation of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has been discussed as an earlier agenda item at today's meeting.

Issues

6. A work programme now needs to be agreed to forward the work of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee through the 2006-2007 municipal year.

7. A number of issues were considered during 2005-06 which members may wish to continue to monitor such as the continuing Nottingham University Hospitals Trust reconfiguration and the Annual Health Checks from the Healthcare Commission. In 2004-2005 a Study Group was established to enable a more thorough review of the appropriate Health Checks and it was generally agreed that this was a successful and worthwhile exercise that should be repeated.
8. Some consideration could be given to including a 'rolling plan' of attendance for the major organisations being scrutinised under the auspices of this Committee. Quarterly or bi-annual meetings could include a specified organisation to attend to update Members on progress being made on specified items including performance. For example on 1 July 2006, the East Midlands Ambulance Service was reconfigured to become the East Central Ambulance Service. Likewise the Strategic Health Authority reconfigured itself to become NHS East Midlands. Inviting these organisations to attend after 6 months of operation may be beneficial.
9. Finally Members should be aware that gaps should be left throughout the year to allow flexibility for urgent item to be slotted into the work programme as they occur. It is not practical to forecast what will happen next in the NHS at present and some leeway should be given for items to be included on upcoming meeting agendas at short notice (ie consultations, further mergers).
10. The attached paper (appendix 2) has included each of the items under points 7, 8 and 9 to present Members with a draft version of a possible work programme for this Committee in 2006-2007. It is suggested that as a maximum only two items are listed on each agenda, bearing in mind that other urgent items will be included at a later date.
11. The Joint Committee may wish to consider the joint targets set in the 2 local area agreements (LAA) when considering health issues. As an example the key health outcomes and priorities for the County LAA are included as an appendix.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

Members consider the attached DRAFT work programme and agree a final version of the work programme for the Joint Health Committee in 2006/2007

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Chair, Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers: Nil

Example: Health Priorities in the County LAA

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLES' BLOCK	
OUTCOME	PRIORITIES
Healthier Communities: 1. Improve health of Nottinghamshire population by reducing the number of early deaths, increasing life expectancy and tackling health inequalities	Reduce premature mortality and the inequality in premature mortality in Nottinghamshire.
	2. To reduce health inequalities and tackle the underlying determinants of health
	Reduce the number of people in the population of Nottinghamshire who smoke
	Reduce alcohol misuse across the population on Nottinghamshire
3. To reduce the prevalence and impact of avoidable injuries with particular regard to those suffering disadvantage by reducing avoidable injuries in the home and in the community	Halt the increasing levels of obesity in the general population (adults and children) in Nottinghamshire
	Reduce the number of conceptions in teenagers in Nottinghamshire
	Promote positive sexual health as part of a broader strategy covering all age groups
	Improve adult mental health and promote self esteem
	Reduce the number and severity of avoidable injuries
<u>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLOCK:</u>	
OUTCOME	PRIORITIES
1. To improve the health of children and young people	Improve teenage sexual health leading to a reduction in sexually transmitted infections and reduced teenage conceptions
	Promote healthy eating and physical activity
	Reduce the negative impact of drugs, alcohol and smoking on children and young people.

DRAFT Work Programme

MEETING	POSSIBLE TOPICS	AGREED TOPIC
11 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernising of Older Peoples Services • Nottingham University Hospitals Trust reconfiguration – Paediatrics • Protocol for operation of Committee • Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Older People's Modernisation Agenda • Nottingham University Hospitals Trust reconfiguration – Paediatrics • Protocol for operation of Committee • Work Programme
12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernising of Older Peoples Services • Nottingham University Hospitals Trust reconfiguration – Development Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
10 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottingham University Hospitals Trust reconfiguration – ? • Cedars update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust – update (rolling) • Feedback from Healthcare Commission on Annual Health Checks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS East Midlands – update (rolling) • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
9 January 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Central Ambulance Service- (rolling) • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
13 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ? • ? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
13 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Health Check • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
17 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Health Check • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

12 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS East Midlands – update (rolling) • 	•
10 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Central Ambulance Service- (rolling) • 	•
?? September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust – update (rolling) • 	