

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care)

Date: 18 December 2013

Subject: Work Schedule – December 2013

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the remainder of the municipal year, 2013/14.

2 Main issues

2.1 At its meeting on 21 June 2013, a number of potential topics/ work programme areas were highlighted and discussed as potential matters for the work programme. At that meeting the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) identified the following themes to form the broad direction of the its work programme for 2013/14:

- Narrowing the Gap;
- Service quality;
- Urgent and emergency care;
- Progress / implications associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status;
- Information flows/ data sharing

2.2 At its meeting on 31 July 2013, the Scrutiny Board was presented with and discussed matters relating to:

- Progress / implications associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status;
- Urgent and emergency care;

2.3 At that meeting, the Scrutiny Board also considered and agreed to undertake further work around the following requests for scrutiny:

- Men's health;
- Dermatology; and,
- Children's Epilepsy Surgery.

- 2.4 At its meetings on 25 September 2013, the Scrutiny Board considered details relating to NHS England's (draft) NHS Funding Allocations Policy and Leeds' Better Lives Programme – specifically related to the future provision of residential care and day services for older people.
- 2.5 Work undertaken to translate the above areas into a planned and more detailed work schedule is presented at Appendix 1.
- 2.6 It should be noted that given the range of issues being considered by the Scrutiny Board, it is likely that a number of working groups will be necessary to consider specific issues/ matters.

Narrowing the Gap

- 2.7 Consideration is still being given around the focus of the Scrutiny Board's work around 'Narrowing the Gap'. At its last meeting (28 November 2013), the Board agreed to consider 'smoking reduction' in one of the planned sessions. This is reflected in Appendix 1.
- 2.8 Members also agreed to invite relevant officers to a future meeting to give further consideration to the issues discussed during the Council's 'State of the City' event held on 27 November 2013. This is also reflected in Appendix 1.
- 2.9 Following the discussion at the meeting – particularly in relation to the Chief Medical Officer Report (2013) (considered elsewhere on the agenda), Members are asked to consider the focus of any further work in relation to 'narrowing the gap'.

Health Service Developments Working Group

- 2.10 Further meetings of the working group are likely to take place in the near future, to help ensure the Scrutiny Board maintains an overview of planned changes/ developments to NHS services across the City. The need for future meetings is reflected in Appendix 1.
- 2.11 It should also be noted that revised terms of reference for the working group will also need to be completed and reported to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board.

Dermatology Working Group

- 2.12 As previously reported, the working group meeting took place on 20 November 2013 and a report on the outcome / recommendations from that meeting will be presented to a future Board meeting. This is reflected in Appendix 1.

Summary

- 2.13 It is likely that further refinement of the work programme will be necessary as work areas develop. Such refinement will specifically take into account comments from

the Scrutiny Board and revisions will also need to reflect new and/or agreed changes to the Scrutiny Board's priorities for the remainder of the municipal year.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider and comment on the details in this report and amend/agree the draft work schedule presented at Appendix 1.

4. Background papers¹

- 4.1 None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.