

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults and Health)

Date: 16 January 2018

Subject: Work Schedule – January 2018

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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 current municipal year (2017/18).

2 Main issues

- 2.1 During discussions at the initial meeting in June 2017, the Scrutiny Board discussed and identified a broad range of matters for possible inclusion within the overall work schedule for 2017/18. However, it was acknowledged that, due to the resources directly available to support the Board's work, there would be limitations on the work schedule; and that the Scrutiny Board would need to prioritise its main areas of focus for 2017/18.
- 2.2 The latest iteration of the work schedule is attached as Appendix 1 (to follow) for consideration and agreement of the Scrutiny Board – subject to any identified and agreed amendments.
- 2.3 Executive Board minutes from the meeting held on 13 December 2017 are attached at Appendix 2. The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider and note the minutes, insofar as they relate to the remit of the Scrutiny Board; and identify any matter where specific scrutiny activity may subsequently be warranted.

Developing the work schedule

- 2.4 The work schedule should not be considered to be a fixed and rigid programme, it should be recognised as something that can be adapted and changed to reflect any new and emerging issues throughout the year; and also reflect any timetabling issues that might occur from time to time.
- 2.5 However, when considering any developments and/or modifications to the work schedule, effort should be undertaken to:
- Avoid unnecessary duplication by having a full appreciation of any existing forums already having oversight of, or monitoring a particular issue.
 - Ensure any Scrutiny undertaken has clarity and focus of purpose and will add value and can be delivered within an agreed time frame.
 - Avoid pure “information items” except where that information is being received as part of a policy/scrutiny review
 - Seek advice about available resources and relevant timings taking into consideration the workload across the Scrutiny Boards and the type of Scrutiny taking place
 - Build in sufficient flexibility to enable the consideration of urgent matters that may arise during the year
- 2.6 In addition, in order to deliver the work schedule, the Board may need to take a flexible approach and undertake activities outside the formal schedule of meetings – such as working groups and site visits, where deemed appropriate. This flexible approach may also require additional formal meetings of the Scrutiny Board.

Developments since the previous Scrutiny Board meeting

- 2.7 Given the nature of the Scrutiny Board’s broad remit, which is reflected in the overall work schedule, it is perhaps useful to consider specific updates and proposals to particular aspects of the work schedule going forward – and building on details previously presented to the Board. Further details are presented below.

Health and Care Needs of Offenders

- 2.8 Since the previous Scrutiny Board meeting in November 2017, the Board held a working group meeting on 7 December 2017, meeting with commissioning representatives from NHS England, Public Health England and Adult and Health.
- 2.9 Details from the working group meeting continue to be progressed – including any identified follow-up actions. Further activities being planned as part of the inquiry are likely to include:
- Visits to HMP Leeds (29 January 2018) and HMP Wealstun (6 February 2018).
 - Discussions with the healthcare provider at HMP Leeds and HMP Wealston (Care UK) are planned for the February 2018 Scrutiny Board meeting.
 - Consideration of HealthWatch Leeds’ (HWL) research, which analyses prisoner experiences of healthcare services at HMP Leeds. It is now intended to present the HWL report to the February 2018 meeting of the Scrutiny Board.
 - Potential discussions with representatives from the appropriate Independent Monitoring Boards are still to be pursued on behalf of the Scrutiny Board.

Current provision of GP services

- 2.10 During recent working group discussions, the level of unregistered patients has been identified as an additional area of consideration. Arrangements for considering matters around GP provision continue to be progressed.

Other Matters

- 2.11 A range of other matters were identified as part of the Board's work schedule. At the time of compiling this report, no further developments have been identified in these areas since the Board's previous meeting in December 2017. Any necessary updates will be presented at the meeting.

Health Service Developments Working Group

- 2.12 Performance information across the three main NHS Trusts (providers) across Leeds was presented to a working group meeting on 5 January 2018, including:
- Integrated finance report (prepared by Leeds CCG Partnership)
 - Integrated quality and performance report (prepared by Leeds CCG Partnership)
 - Chief Executive reports from:
 - Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
 - Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust
 - Leeds and York Partnership MHS Foundation Trust
- 2.13 The integrated finance and performance reports are presented elsewhere on the agenda for further consideration.
- 2.14 A separate performance discussion covering Adult Social Care and Public Health also took place on 8 January 2018.
- 2.15 The proposal is to continue with this approach, primarily due to the number and range of bodies involved and the capacity at a single working group meeting. Consideration will need to be given regarding the precise timing of future meetings to coincide with the production of appropriate performance reports/ data.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the details in this report, in particular the details set out in paragraphs 2.7 – 2.15 of this report and agree/ amend an updated work schedule.

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.