

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 8 April 2019

Subject: Work Programme

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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Summary of main issues

1. This report provides an opportunity for members of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and agree the priorities for developing its future work programme.

Recommendation

2. The West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the overall matters set out in this report and associated appendices and agree (or amend):
 - a) The JHOSC's proposed future work programme, presented at Appendix 1.
 - b) Any next steps associated with the review of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership Workforce Strategy.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides an opportunity for members of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and agree its priorities and future work programme.

2.0 Background information

The West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

- 2.1 The JHOSC was originally established in December 2015; drawing its membership from the five constituent West Yorkshire local authorities.
- 2.2 At its meeting in July 2018, the JHOSC requested that officers proceed to review the current arrangements and develop proposals for the future operation of the JHOSC. Appropriate officers from each of the six local authorities¹ within the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership footprint continue to contribute to the development of future arrangements.
- 2.3 Until such time that any future arrangements are in place, work continues to support the current joint scrutiny arrangements and to develop the future work programme for the JHOSC.

Summary of previous work programme discussions

- 2.4 Since the formal establishment of the JHOSC, a number of issues / work streams have been considered by the Joint Committee, including:
- The Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard
 - Work of the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts
 - Cancer waiting times
 - Autism assessments
 - Stroke Services
 - Access to dental service
 - Specialised services
- 2.5 In noting that some of the above areas form part of the agreed priority areas and programmes of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (the Partnership); the JHOSC previously concluded its future work programme should be developed to reflect the nine clinically based programme / priority areas of the Partnership.
- 2.6 The JHOSC also agreed that in considering the Partnership's nine clinically based programme / priority areas, the JHOSC would seek to consider how the work meets and/or supports the following agreed aims and criteria for working jointly across the Partnership:
- To achieve a critical mass beyond local population level to achieve the best outcomes;
 - To share best practice and reduce variation; and

¹ This refers to the six top-tier authorities across West Yorkshire and Harrogate with specific Health scrutiny functions/ powers.

- To achieve better outcomes for people overall by tackling ‘wicked issues’ (i.e., complex, intractable problems).

2.7 The Partnership priority areas and programmes also includes a number of areas described as ‘enablers’, alongside a number of collaborative forums. At its meeting in December 2018, the JHOSC agreed that future reports on the Partnership’s nine clinically based programme / priority areas, should specifically seek to convey:

- How relevant ‘enablers’ are contributing / supporting the specific clinically based programme/ priority under consideration; and,
- The role, arrangements and contribution of any relevant collaborative forum.

2.8 At its meeting in December 2018, the JHOSC also agreed the following guiding principles for the ongoing development of its work programme.

Good Practice

- Avoid duplication by having a full appreciation of any existing forums already having oversight of, or monitoring a particular issue.
- Ensure any Scrutiny activity has clarity and focus of purpose; adding value within an agreed time frame.
- Avoid pure “information items” except where that information is being received as part of an identified policy/scrutiny review.
- Seek advice about available resources and relevant timings, taking into consideration the overall workload of the JHOSC and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees across the constituent authorities.
- Build in sufficient flexibility to enable the consideration of urgent matters that may arise during the year.
- Have due regard for the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, which provides for local NHS bodies to consult with the appropriate health scrutiny committee where they have under consideration any proposed substantial developments or variations in the provisions of the health service in the area(s) of a local authority; alongside the associated good practice regarding the early engagement of appropriate health scrutiny committees.

3.0 Main Issues

Developing the work programme

3.1 In considering additional items/ areas for inclusion on the work programme, the JHOSC previously agreed it would consider how such matters meet and/or support the agreed aims and criteria for working jointly across the Partnership, namely:

- To achieve a critical mass beyond local population level to achieve the best outcomes;
- To share best practice and reduce variation; and
- To achieve better outcomes for people overall by tackling ‘wicked issues’ (i.e., complex, intractable problems).

3.2 The JHOSC has previously recognised that in developing its work programme, it would remain necessary for the JHOSC to consider the scope of the agreed areas / topics it wishes to consider, alongside the overall level of resource available to support its work.

- 3.3 The proposed work programme for JHOSC is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration and agreement.

Review of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership Workforce Strategy

- 3.4 At its meeting in February 2019 the JHOSC agreed terms of reference for the review of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership Workforce Strategy.
- 3.5 A further planning meeting for members of the JHOSC is scheduled for 3 April 2019 and the outcome / suggested plans arising from that meeting will be reported to the JHOSC.
- 3.6 The JHOSC will be asked to consider any update provided at the meeting and agree any next steps.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the overall matters set out in this report and associated appendices and agree (or amend):
- c) The JHOSC's proposed future work programme, presented at Appendix 1.
 - d) Any next steps associated with the review of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership Workforce Strategy.

5.0 Background documents²

- 5.1 None

² 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.