



Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Report to West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 18 February 2020

Subject: Work Programme (2019/20)

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1. Purpose of this report

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

2. Background information

Working arrangements

- 2.1 As outlined at the previous meeting, work continues around the review of current arrangements and development of proposals for the future operation of a discretionary Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. 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.
- 2.2 Until such time that any future arrangements are in place, work continues to support the current joint scrutiny arrangements within existing resources.

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

Previous Work Programme

- 2.3 As outlined at the previous meeting, in developing its work programme the Joint Committee previously agreed to reflect the nine clinically based programme / priority areas identified by the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (the Partnership). This also included how the 'enabler workstreams' and the work of any relevant collaborative forums that contribute to the delivery of the clinically based priority areas.
- 2.4 The Joint Committee also agreed that in considering the nine clinically based programme / priority areas, the Joint Committee would seek to consider how the work 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
 - To achieve better outcomes for people overall by tackling 'wicked issues' (i.e., complex, intractable problems).
- 2.5 During the course of the previous municipal year (2018/19), the Joint Committee considered a range of matters, including:
- Development of an Integrated Care System for West Yorkshire and Harrogate
 - Specialised Stroke Care Programme
 - Financial Challenges
 - Access to Dentistry
 - Acute Care Collaboration and the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT)
 - Workforce Development
 - Urgent and Emergency Care Programme
 - Mental Health Programme
 - Proposed changes to Specialist Vascular Services
 - West Yorkshire and Harrogate Cancer Alliance
- 2.6 At a previous meeting, Members of the Joint Committee agreed to highlight individual work programme priorities and interests to help inform a more detailed discussion at this meeting of the Joint Committee.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 The following clinical programme/ priority areas not previously considered by the Joint Committee, have been reflected in the proposed work programme:
- Maternity
 - Primary and Community Care
 - Standardisation of Commissioning

- Prevention at Scale

3.2 Members of the Joint Committee will also be aware that during 2019, the Partnership was engaged in developing a five year strategy, setting out the Partnership's ambitions alongside a refreshed set of priorities and programme areas, including the following new priorities:

- (a) Improving population health; and,
- (b) Children, young people and families.

3.3 The Joint Committee may wish to give more detailed consideration to the finalised five year strategy in order to help inform its future work programme.

Previous outcomes

3.4 At previous meetings the JHOSC have identified a number of future actions / activities to include on its future work programme, such as:

- Further details on the work of the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT) and the programme areas that form the acute care collaboration priority – with (at least) 6-monthly updates.
- Details of the review of the expanded NHS 111/999 service and associated capacity.
- Future report on the Mental Health Programme, with a particular focus on the work around CAMHS, autism, ADHD and the development of sufficient effective and accessible community support services in local areas.
- Preventative dental services and the overall integration of dental services into the Partnerships priority areas.
- Cancer outcomes, diagnosis and treatment waiting times.

Workforce working group

3.5 Previously, the Joint Committee commenced some more detailed consideration on the workforce priority area. The Joint Committee may wish to take stock of the work / progress made, and agree any further activity in this area.

Service change proposals

3.6 Members of the Joint Committee are currently engaged in a mandatory joint committee considering proposals to reconfigure vascular services across west Yorkshire – that also impacts on some of the population in North Yorkshire. While the arrangements for the mandatory committee are separate from this Joint Committee, it nevertheless has an impact on the overall capacity to support scrutiny arrangements across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate footprint – be that through joint health overview and scrutiny committee arrangements or local, individual authority health scrutiny arrangements.

3.7 It should also be noted there may be, yet to be determined, service change and/or development proposals that either require mandatory Joint Committee arrangements or the discretionary Joint Committee identifies for more detailed consideration.

Developing the work programme

3.8 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.

3.9 In further developing its work programme, the Joint Committee is also asked to note the planned frequency of future meetings and also the level of resource available to support its work.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 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.

4.1.2 Any specific matters agreed will be reflected in an updated work programme presented to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

4.2.2 Any specific equality and diversity implications associated with particular aspects of the Joint Committee’s work programme will be presented and considered at that time.

4.3 Council policies and best council plan

4.3.1 All aspects of the Joint Committees work programme are likely to align to the overall ambition of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership; which in turn will contribute to aspects of the corporate priorities of each of the constituent local authorities.

4.3.2 Any specific implications associated with particular aspects of the Joint Committee’s work programme will be presented and considered at that time.

Climate emergency

4.3.3 There are no specific climate emergency implications arising from this report.

4.3.4 Any specific climate emergency implications associated with particular aspects of the Joint Committee's work programme will be presented and considered at that time.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 There are no specific identifiable resource and value for money implications arising from this report. Nonetheless, the Joint Committee needs to be mindful of the availability and use of resources in delivering its future work programme.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 An update on the overall governance arrangements for the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are presented elsewhere on the agenda.

4.5.2 There are no specific access to information implications arising from the report and, as a council function, any decisions of the Joint Committee are not eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 There are no specific risk management implications arising from this report.

4.6.2 Any specific risk management matters associated with particular aspects of the Joint Committee's work programme will be presented and considered at that time.

5. Recommendations

5.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the overall matters set out in this report and agree any specific priorities for its future work programme.

6. Background documents²

6.1 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.