

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

Date: 17th July 2018

Subject: Work Schedule

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 forthcoming municipal year.

2 Main issues

2.1 During discussions at the previous meeting on 26th June 2018, the Scrutiny Board discussed a range of matters for possible inclusion within the overall work schedule for 2018/19. The areas discussed included the following matters:

- Focus on Mental Health
 - Childrens Mental Health - including the transition between CAMHS and Adult mental health services; family mental health and the services available to support family units.
 - Dementia – including delayed transfer of care between care settings, consideration of Carers' experiences and consideration of proposed reshaping of social work/care services to a community strength-based approach.
 - Male mental health – including rates of young male suicide; access to services and drug & alcohol services.
- Follow up on kidney transplant transport provision
- Social Care funding and resources for Third Sector providers
- To maintain an overview of the emerging Health and Care Partnership documents

- Infant mortality and possible response to the National Inquiry being undertaken by Public Health England into life expectancy.
- Maintaining an overview of proposed service changes.
- Digital technology for information and access
- Health protection amongst Leeds' migrant population

2.2 The Board previously 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 2018/19.

Developing the work schedule

2.3 The work schedule should not be considered as a fixed and rigid schedule but be recognised as something that can be adapted to respond to any new and emerging issues throughout the year; and also reflect any timetable issues that might occur from time to time.

2.4 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.

2.5 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.

Leeds Health and Care Plan

2.6 Maintaining an overview on the development of Leeds Health and Care Plan, including any specific service change proposals that result. There would also be a balance between the activity happening locally and any proposals being developed on a wider, West Yorkshire and Harrogate footprint.

2.7 A key consideration would be undertaking complementary work to that being undertaken through the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee arrangements in place.

Health Service Developments Working Group

- 2.8 In previous years, the Scrutiny Board has formed a working group to help discharge its health scrutiny function in relation to proposed NHS services changes and/or developments. As highlighted at the meeting in June 2018, this is an important aspect of the Scrutiny Board's remit and is not reflected in the remit of any other Scrutiny Board.
- 2.9 Previously the Board identified other areas of work / activity that it may be possible to integrate into the working group arrangements. This *could* include:
- Quarterly NHS provider updates.
 - NHS key performance reports.
 - Adults and Health 2018/19 budget performance reports.
 - 2019/20 budget proposals
- 2.10 The aim of this approach would be for the Working Group to meet at least three times during the coming year to consider some or all of the matters identified above, in addition to any specific NHS service change/development proposals at that time

Summary

- 2.11 A draft work schedule is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report for consideration and amendment by the Board as appropriate.
- 2.12 Also attached are copies of the following which may be pertinent to the work of the Board
- Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held 27th June 2018 at **Appendix 2**
 - Minutes of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held 14th June 2018 at **Appendix 3**

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider and agree/ amend the proposals identified in this report, specifically in relation to the overall work schedule as the basis for the Board's work for the remainder of 2018/19.

4. Background papers¹

- 4.1 None used

5. Appendices

- 1) Draft Work Schedule 2018/19
- 2) Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held 27th June 2018
- 3) Minutes of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board held 14th June 2018

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.