

Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

19th March 2009

Health Scrutiny Seminar 2 March 2009
Commissioning and Joint Commissioning

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide feedback from the development day held on 2 March 2009 at County Hall, Trowbridge.
- 1.2 To introduce the list of subjects or the Health Scrutiny Work Plan for Commissioning

2. Background

- 2.1 The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) offered one day of free expert advice through its health scrutiny support programme and it was decided to utilise this service to hold a development day, in the form of a Seminar on Commissioning.
- 2.2 As membership of the Committee will change with One Council, the seminar was opened up to all County and District Councillors, HOSC stakeholders from Wiltshire Involvement Network (WIN) and the Wiltshire & Swindon User's Network. See Appendix A for a full list of attendees.

3. The Development Day

- 3.1 The agenda for the day covered:
 - Commissioning:
 - The Local Authority perspective (James Cawley, DCS, WCC)
 - The Primary Care Trust perspective (Alison Knowles NHS Wiltshire)
 - Scrutinising Commissioning (Graham Heaney CfPS)
 - Developing a Work Plan for Commissioning.
- 3.2 After the presentations, the group was split into four for a breakout session. The purpose of this session was to nominate subjects for a Work Plan. Each group included representation from the County Council, the District Councils and WIN or stakeholders. This allowed all of the key partners and stakeholders to express their views in each group.

4. The Outcomes

- 4.1 The delegates received three detailed presentations from DCS, NSW and the CfPS. Copies of which are included at Appendices C to E
- 4.2 Each breakout group was given the opportunity to feedback their 'top three' subjects for the Work Plan, and following the Seminar, the subjects were collated. This list is included at Appendix B.
- 4.3 In order that the items for the Work Plan can be properly prioritised and timetabled there is a need for more fact finding work to be carried out.

5. Recommendations

The committee is recommended to:

- Nominate members to join a Work Plan Review Group.

The remit of this group will be to consider the range of subjects identified in the DRAFT Work Plan (Appendix B) in more depth, and to develop a prioritised Work Plan on Commissioning for the new Committee to consider and to decide a review period. The results of this exercise will be presented to the 16th July 2009 Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

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