

Wiltshire Council

Health Select Committee

15 November 2012

Report on Health Scrutiny Workshop – 3 October 2012

Purpose

1. To report on the discussions between Councillors and health and adult social care partners held at the Health Scrutiny workshop on 3 October 2012. Also to seek the views of the Health Select Committee (HSC) on which topics would be suitable for incorporating into the Work Programme of the Committee.

Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 legislates for significant health reforms, the majority of which come into force in April 2013. At a local level, these include the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board, a Clinical Commissioning Group and Local Healthwatch.
3. The Council has agreed that it will continue to exercise its health scrutiny function through the HSC, and the HSC believed that the time was right to learn more about the potential impacts of the reforms, with specific reference to health scrutiny. To that end the Committee agreed to organise a workshop, to which representatives from the PCT, the three Acute Trusts, Public Health, Community Health, Adult Social Care and the Care Quality Commission were invited.
4. The main aims of the workshop were to give Members the opportunity to hear from senior representatives from across the health and social care arena about their priorities and challenges, to allow Members to raise issues of interest with them and to identify possible topics for inclusion on the work programme of the HSC.

Main considerations for the Committee

5. The information generated from the workshop has been collated and the key points for consideration are raised are presented in **Appendix 1**.

Proposals

6. **It is recommended that:**
 - (i) **The Committee considers the outcome of the workshop as detailed above with a view to identifying topics for possible inclusion in the future work programme.**

- (ii) **The Committee approves the establishment of the CCG Task Group. In advance of this meeting, the Chairman sought, and received, endorsement of this recommendation from the O & S Management Committee at their meeting on 18 October 2012.**

- (iii) **The Committee receives regular reports on the integration of Public Health into the Local Authority.**

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