

Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

15 May 2007

Work Plan – Update**Purpose**

1. To outline for the Committee a number of items and potential items for future Committee agendas.
2. To suggest a process by which the Committee can formally set its agenda for the coming year.

Background

3. The Health OSC usually has an away day early each year to set its work plan for the year and discuss any areas of learning or developments in health and scrutiny nationally that have taken place in the preceding twelve months.
4. However, for a number of reasons this event has not yet taken place this year and the Committee needs to give consideration to its work plan and priorities for the coming months.

Immediate Items

5. There are a number of items on the horizon, particularly for the next meeting of the Committee, which are outlined in the table below.
6. It is expected that the agenda for the next meeting will be heavy so the Committee is advised to consider how to manage this, either by splitting the meeting over a morning and afternoon with lunch in between or by having an extra meeting in June.

Item	Description	Time Frame
Great Western Hospital Foundation Trust Bid	Update from the Trust on the status of its Foundation bid	July 08
Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Foundation Trust Bid	Introduction to the consultation on the Trust's Foundation bid	July 08
Children & Adolescent Mental Health Strategy	Introduction to the strategy (Health OSC will need to incorporate comments from Children's Scrutiny Committee)	July 08

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment	Director of Public Health will inform the Committee of the outcome of the JSNA	July 08
Delayed Transfers of Care Task Group	Final report of the Task Group	July 08
Wiltshire Air Ambulance	Discussions are being held regarding the future of the service	Summer 08
South West Specialised Commissioning Group	A paper will be received from the South West Scrutiny Network suggesting ways to tackle the area of specialised commissioning across the South West region	July 08
Reforming Community Services Task Group	Regular updates needed	Summer 08
Local Involvement Networks (LINKs)	Letting of host contract. How the LINK will relate to the scrutiny process	Autumn 08

Future Work Plan

7. The Committee needs to understand priorities for health, social care, public health and well being and the Local Area Agreement in order to be able to set an effective and proactive work plan for the next twelve months.
8. In order to do this the Committee is advised to seek representation from the PCT, social care and the Director of Public Health in planning and prioritising its work programme.

Conclusions

9. The agenda for the July meeting of the Committee is likely to be heavy and may need to be managed by splitting the meeting over the course of a day or holding an extra meeting in June.
10. The Committee needs to plan an event to set its work plan for the coming twelve months, taking into account the strategic changes taking place across the county, the priorities set out in the Local Area Agreement and other areas likely to be of interest to the public.

Financial Implications

11. The cost of holding a planning session will be met from the Health Scrutiny budget.

Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Consider how to manage the agenda for the July meeting.
- ii. Instruct the Health Scrutiny Officer to organise a planning session to set the work plan for the coming year.

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