

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL		Agenda Item No.
DATE: 21st JUNE 2005		6
ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUPS		
Ward(s)	All	
<p>Portfolios: Cllr Paul – Health and Social Care</p> <p>Summary of report:</p> <p>The report details the proposed sub-committees and establishment of working groups, as appropriate to deal with the specific areas of work within the scope of Health and Social Care Scrutiny Performance Panel.</p> <p>Background papers: None</p> <p>Reason for scrutiny:</p> <p>Members may wish to establish sub-committees and working groups of the panel to investigate particular issues or to take responsibility for particular areas within the scope of the panel.</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Executive Director: Carole Evans</p> <p>Date:</p>		

Resource and legal considerations:

In accordance with the constitution the panel may establish sub-committees and working groups to consider specific issues in detail.

Citizen impact:

All citizens with a relevant interest in a matter will have the ability to contribute to the deliberations of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel.

Environmental impact:

Successful scrutiny can assist in shaping policy to make environmental improvements.

Performance management:

Scrutiny is an important and integral part of the council's performance management framework and can challenge review and advise on service delivery, council activity and policy and improve results.

Equality Implications:

All citizens with a relevant interest in a matter will have the ability to contribute to the deliberations of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel.

Consultation:

Based on previous discussions of the panel.

Vision 2008:

The work to be undertaken by the sub-committee and working groups will aim to achieve the council's vision.

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide members with background information to enable them to make a decision as to whether the sub-committee and working groups previously established should be re-established. The panel may also wish to establish additional working groups.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the first meeting of the 2004/5 municipal year held on Wednesday 21 July 2004, the Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel established its sub-committee 'Health Scrutiny Panel' in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the LGA 2000 which provides for scrutiny panels to delegate some of its functions to its sub-committees.

2.2 Establishment of Health Scrutiny Panel

The Health Scrutiny Panel was established with full delegated powers to scrutinise the Boroughs Health Service. The terms of reference was agreed as follows: -

- To scrutinise matters relating to the health of the authorities population and contribute to the development of policy to improve health and reduce health inequalities.
- To undertake all the statutory functions of the scrutiny and performance panel in accordance with Section 7 and Regulations under that Section, of the Health and Social Care Act, 2001, relating to reviewing and scrutinising health service matters.
- To review and scrutinise the impact of the authorities own services and of key partnerships on the health of its population.
- To encourage the council as a whole, its executive and other scrutiny and performance panels to take into account the implications of their policies and activities on health and health inequalities.
- To make reports and recommendations to the NHS, patients' representatives, the council, the executive and other scrutiny and performance panels and other relevant bodies and individuals.
- To evaluate and review the effectiveness of its recommendations.
- In all of the above, to seek and to take account of the views of the local population.

- 2.3 The membership was agreed as set out below: -

Core Membership

- 4 Elected Members (2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Liberal)
- Director of Public Health (permanent adviser)
- Executive Director, Social Care and Supported Housing
- A representative from Patient Forum
- A representative from PALS (NHS)
- A representative from PALS (PCT)
- A representative of Independent Complaints and Advocacy Service

Ad Hoc Membership

- A representative of the Local Medical Committee
- A representative of the Walsall Hospital NHS Trust
- Director of Health and Social Care (PCT)
- Together with other co-options on the basis of the requirements of the Work Programme.

2.4 The Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel also agreed on establishing the Health Scrutiny Panel that when determining issues for scrutiny there be a balance between reactive and pro-active models of health scrutiny. In the light of this the panel recommended that the annual work programme of the Health Scrutiny Panel be of no more than five items, two being reactive and three being pro-active.

2.5 In order to stimulate the identification of future issues for scrutiny your panel had agreed that an Annual Standing Conference for Health Scrutiny be organised in Sept/Oct where a shortlist of items would be drawn up for scrutiny during the next municipal year.

2.6 Whilst a standing conference has not yet been established the Health Scrutiny Panel has commenced indepth scrutiny on two areas of work and has programmed other areas of scrutiny into its work plan for the future: -

- a) Review of accessibility to Mental Health Services (commenced September 2003).
- b) Obesity (commenced April 2005).
- c) Reducing infant mortality)
- d) Increasing life expectancy)
- e) Increasing breastfeeding) programmed for future scrutiny
- f) Increasing access to breast)
and cervical screening)

2.7 Both areas of work are still in progress. The scrutiny on obesity is being undertaken via a joint work group with Children's Scrutiny and Performance Panel.

2.8 In order to complete the scrutiny of these areas of work your panel might wish to consider the re-establishment of its sub-committee 'Health Scrutiny Panel' and appoint the chairman at this meeting. A proposed schedule of dates for future meetings is attached for comments (see appendix 1).

2.9 Establishment of Working Groups

The panel also at the meeting on 21 July 2004 established two working groups i.e.: -

- a) Modernising Services - with an initial focus on older people's services. Appendix 2 sets out a proposed work programme for 2005/06 and the previous membership 2004/05.

- b) CPA Housing Improvement - with an initial focus on physical disability. Appendix 3 sets out a proposed work programme for 2005/06 and the previous membership for 2004/05.

Both working groups have commenced their scrutiny and will need to be re-established in order for the work commenced to be completed.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel will need to consider its work programme for the current municipal year and decide whether to re-establish its previous sub-committee and work groups.
- 3.2 It will also need to consider whether additional work groups need to be established in line with the work programme.
- 3.3 In re-establishing any work groups the panel will need to give consideration to whether their current memberships should be continued.
- 3.4 The panel may also need to decide whether the work groups current work programmes should be expanded.

4. Recommendations

- a) That the Health Scrutiny Panel be re-established with the membership and terms of reference previously agreed as referred to in Sections 2.2. and 2.3 of this report.
- b) That consideration be given to appointing the Chairman of the Panel at this meeting.
- c) That the following working groups be re-established with the terms of reference previously agreed and to enable continuity and completion of the work in hand with the membership established for 04/5 municipal year:-
 - i. Modernising Services
 - ii. CPA Housing Improvement
- d) That the panel considers whether the work groups' work programmes should be expanded to include any additional topics identified at this meeting.
- e) That work groups be advised to aim to complete all projects prior to the final meeting of this panel in the municipal year and a report on their findings/current position be submitted to that final meeting.
- f) That the panel considers the establishment of additional working groups if appropriate.

**Proposed of Dates for future meetings
of the Health Scrutiny Panel in 2005/06.**

Thursday 7 July 2005

Monday 5 September 2005

Thursday 27 October 2005

Thursday 17 November 2005

Thursday 12 January 2006

Monday 13 February 2006

Thursday 9 March 2006

**Membership
of the Health Scrutiny Panel in 2004/05.**

Councillor D. Pitt

Councillor V. Woodruff

Councillor I. Robertson

Councillor B. McCracken

Dr. S. Ramaiah, Director of Public Health, Walsall NHS Primary Care Trust,

Mr. D. Martin, Executive Director, Health, Social Care and Supported Housing

Mr. J. Weston, Patients Forum

Mrs. D. Russell, PALS Manager, Manor Hospital,

Ms. L. Mabley, PALS Co-ordinator, Walsall Primary Care Trust,

Modernising Services Work Group
Draft Work Programme for 2005/06

Scrutiny Committee	Topic	Background
Health and Social Care	Modernising day care services (commenced February 2005)	An indepth scrutiny had taken place and is now completed. The working group's final report has been submitted under separate cover on the agenda for this meeting.
	Development of Independent Living	The working group wishes to focus on the development of the ICL and to scrutinise long-term plans being developed. The Services User Council will be seconded to join the working group for this work stream. A site visit to the Sandwell ICL took place on 23 May 2005 by way of commencing this topic.

Membership
of the Modernising Services Work Group
in 2004/05

Councillor Clive Ault
Councillor Mohammed Munir
Councillor Tim Oliver
Councillor Rachel Walker
Councillor Val Woodruff
David Martin, Executive Director of Social Services
Andrew Cross, Head of Older People's Services
John Greensill, Joint Head of Learning Disability Services
Kathy McAteer, Assistant Director (Adult Services)
Trish Skitt, AD PCT Lead
Mark Inglis, Scrutiny Manager

CPA Action Plan Working Group
Work Programme for 2005/06

Scrutiny Committee	Topic	Background
Health and Social Care and Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel.	Improvement Plan (commenced November 2004).	<p>One key aim of the working group is to scrutinise the impact of the delivery of the CPA Improvement Plan and the re-inspection of services on outcomes for service users and on the delivery of performance indicators and targets.</p> <p>The working group is planning to reassess the improvement plan from the previous inspection in conjunction with the CPA improvement plan to build an action plan for housing improvements achieved to date.</p>

Membership
of the CPA Action Plan Working Group
in 2004/05

Councillor Des J Pitt
 Councillor Mohammed Munir
 Councillor Joan Barton
 Councillor Rachel Walker
 Councillor Clive Ault
 Councillor M Yasin
 Councillor Sean Coughlan
 Councillor Ian Shires
 Kathy McAteer, Assistant Director, Adult Services,
 Jason MacGilp, Assistant Director, Community Regeneration & Housing
 Andrea Little, General Manager, Supported Housing
 Sue Byard, Head of Housing Services, Regeneration Housing & Built Environment
 Tim Johnson, Assistant Director for Urban Regeneration