

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

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| <b>1. Meeting:</b>     | <b>Health Select Commission</b>                |
| <b>2. Date:</b>        | <b>12 September 2013</b>                       |
| <b>3. Title:</b>       | <b>Health Select Commission Work Programme</b> |
| <b>4. Directorate:</b> | <b>Resources</b>                               |

### **5. Summary**

The report aims to allocate a provisional timetable to the Health Select Commission work programme for 2013/14 and provide some further clarification on some of the proposed work areas.

### **6. Recommendations**

**Members are asked to:**

- 6.1 Discuss and agree the proposed work programme timetable.**
- 6.2 Discuss and agree the format and further scoping of proposed reviews.**

## **7. Proposals**

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board discussed and agreed in principle the Scrutiny work programme for 2013/14 during their meetings in June 2013. It was agreed that each Commission should aim to have one full review and one spotlight review during the year, but that other items of interest and priority could be managed as part of the scheduled meetings with well scoped and planned reports by individual officers.

Attached at appendix A is the work allocated to the Health Select Commission as a result of those discussions and agreement. An additional review, Support for Carers, to be carried out jointly with the Improving Lives Select Commission, has been added since the work programme was agreed originally.

This report aims to provide a broad timetable for allocation of HSC's work programme and whilst some work areas have been provisionally noted as either a report or a review under work category others could potentially be either at this stage.

The benefits of a broad timetable are:

- to provide Members with a clear focus and plan; and
- to provide supporting officers throughout the Council and in partner agencies with advanced notice of when their input will be required.

It should be noted that some degree of flexibility will be required with the timetable as other items will inevitably be added throughout the year, and also timing may need to shift according to the workloads and other commitments of supporting officers. The next stage will be to negotiate these time frames with the relevant officers. Some work areas such as the quality accounts from health partners and monitoring previous reviews will be scheduled in due course.

## **8. Finance**

There are no issues arising directly from this report.

## **9. Risks and uncertainties**

The development of a clear work programme maximises the potential for health scrutiny to have an impact and mitigates against the risk of using resources with little impact or outcome. It does, however, need to maintain flexibility to allow for uncertainties to be accommodated within the planning process.

## **10. Policy and performance agenda implications**

The Scrutiny work programme aims to add value to corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance priorities.

## **11. Background papers and consultation**

Work programme 2013/14

## **12. Contact**

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| Subject   | Source      | Work category                               | Scope   | Suggested Timing  |
|---|-------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Support for Carers<br/>(Joint with ILSC)</b>             | Leader      | Spotlight review                            | Looking at available support from the perspective of carers, especially adult carers of adults with long term conditions such as dementia, focusing on Priority 2 from Carers Charter - Access to information | September 2013<br>Initial report on agenda Sept.  |
| <b>How to improve health in Rotherham</b>                   | Cabinet/SLT | Progress Reports                            | This is a wide area – work with Health and Wellbeing Board on Health and Wellbeing strategy monitoring. Exception reporting may inform future work.   | Annually or twice per year?<br>Presentation on HWBS progress by Cllr Wyatt scheduled for October 2013 |
| <b>Access to GPs</b>  | Scrutiny    | Full or Spotlight Review                    | To follow on from issues raised in Urgent Care review, including appointments.  | Commence in October 2013. Initial report on agenda Sept.  |
| <b>Excess Medication</b>                                    | Scrutiny    | Report                                      | Aim to find ways to reduce wastage and save resources with regard to over supply and patient non-use.   | December 2013 meeting   |
| <b>School Nursing Service</b>                               | Scrutiny    | Initial report – potential spotlight review | This will be scoped with initial report<br>Possible areas to cover:<br>- service specification<br>- contribution to tackling child sexual exploitation  | December 2013 meeting   |
| <b>Continuing Health Care for Children and Young People</b> | Officer     | Report                                      | Follow on from Adults CHC review – sub report   | Scheduled for January 2014  |
| <b>Sexual Health Services</b>                               | Scrutiny    | Initial report – potential spotlight review | This will be scoped with initial report.<br>Possible areas to cover:<br>- service specification and bud<br>- contribution to tackling child sexual exploitation   | January   |

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| <b>Urinary Continence Services</b><br>- <b>Men</b><br>- <b>Women</b> | Scrutiny      | Initial report       | Aim to find ways for more preventive approaches and save resources   | Two sessions – March/April |
| <b>Mental Health Services</b>  | Scrutiny      | Initial report       | This will be scoped with initial report.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older adults access to Mental Health services - talking therapies or to primary care?</li> <li>• Referral routes for professionals from other services</li> </ul> | April                      |

### **HSC Meeting Dates:**

|                   |
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| 12 September 2013 |
| 24 October 2013   |
| 5 December 2013   |
| 23 January 2014   |
| 13 March 2014     |
| 17 April 2014     |
| 12 June 2014      |
| 10 July 2014      |