

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Health Select Commission</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 July 2014</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Work Programme 2014-15</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Resources All wards</b>

## **5. Summary**

The paper outlines the remit of the Commission and includes the proposed work programme for 2014-15.

## **6. Recommendations**

**That Members:**

- a. Note the Commission's terms of reference and the role of overview and scrutiny as outlined in paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2.**
- b. Discuss the work programme as attached as Appendix A.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

### **7.1 Terms of reference**

As outlined in the Council's Constitution, the remit of the Health Select Commission is to carry out overview and scrutiny of issues as directed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. These issues shall relate to:

- performing the role of the Council's designated scrutiny body for any issues relating to health and the public health agenda
- health services commissioned for the people of Rotherham (under the powers of health scrutiny as outlined in the Health and Social Care Act 2001)
- partnerships and commissioning arrangements in relation to health and well-being and their governance arrangements
- measures for achieving health improvements and the promotion of wellbeing for Rotherham's adults and children
- measures to address health inequalities
- public health arrangements
- food standards and environmental health
- issues referred to the select commission by Healthwatch Rotherham
- those elements of this scrutiny function relating to NHS England's new review of Congenital Heart Disease services delegated to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber)

The Health Select Commission will also act as a consultee in respect of those matters of "substantial variation" on which NHS bodies must consult with the Council in relation to its health scrutiny function.

The Commission will lead on the overview and scrutiny of any regional and specialist health service health matters affecting residents of two or more local authorities within Yorkshire and the Humber, and will conduct such overview and scrutiny reviews in accordance with the Protocol for the Yorkshire and Humber Council's Joint Health Scrutiny Select Commission.

### **7.2 Role of Overview and Scrutiny**

The Council's Constitution Part II (8) outlines the role of Overview and Scrutiny. In summary its purpose is to:

**Challenge the Council's performance to raise standards and check if Council's services meet people's needs;**

- Hold Cabinet Members to account by examining their decisions and proposals outlined in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions;
- Question members of the Cabinet and committees and chief officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the Borough;
- Ask for information on matters of concern or interest referred to them from individual councillors, Area Assemblies or members of the public;
- Hold detailed investigations or reviews and make recommendations to the Cabinet or full Council on issues which affect the wellbeing of the Borough or community;
- Consider and scrutinise the work of outside bodies;
- Make proposals for new policies as a result of detailed investigations or examining how current policies work.

### **7.3 Work programme**

At its meeting in April 2014, the Select Commission agreed to focus its work around the theme of mental health and wellbeing during the next municipal year. A work programme (attached as Appendix A) has been drawn up prioritising this area but also including other issues suggested for inclusion by scrutiny members.

The work programme includes the broad area of improving health outcomes in Rotherham, which entails progress reports on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Public Health Outcomes Framework and will now include the Better Care Fund action plan.

In addition to very specific pieces of work in relation to individual services the overall performance of several health partners is scrutinised through their quality accounts. This will be supplemented by regular update meetings with the Rotherham Foundation Trust which have been set up as agreed at the HSC meeting on 25 June 2014.

Members' views are sought on whether these areas remain a priority for consideration in the work programme for 2014/15 and to determine if there are other areas they wish to scrutinise.

### **8. Finance**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. However, recommendations arising from the Commission may have financial implications should they be implemented.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The development of a clear work programme maximises the potential for 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 work programme. If additional items are added, the Commission will have to re-prioritise which issues it wishes to scrutinise.

### **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The proposed work programme takes on board key policy agendas the Council is currently considering and performance information as and where necessary. The areas identified for future scrutiny should complement the priorities identified in the Corporate Plan.

It is also important to note the changes that have occurred during the last year and the reduction in staffing resources. Any work programme needs to take account of this and look realistically at what can be achieved and where it is best to focus resources and efforts.

### **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Work Programme Report to OSMB 28 June 2013

Work Programme Update to HSC 17 April 2014

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## Appendix A Health Select Commission work programme 2014-15

### Overarching theme: Mental Health and Wellbeing

Subject	Proposed work category	Scope
Continence Services	Spotlight review	Aim to find ways for more preventative approaches thus saving resources.
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	Spotlight or Full Review	Work will be scoped on the basis of initial reports, other reviews and research.
Other Mental Health Services	Initial reports with potentially a number of spotlight reviews	<p>Potential areas to scrutinise are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition from CAMHS to Adult services</li> <li>• Adult services</li> <li>• Transition from to Adult to Older People's services</li> <li>• Older People's services</li> </ul> <p>Also ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- wider policies support the mental health and wellbeing agenda</li> <li>- support and referral pathways awareness for other professionals/workers</li> </ul>
Nurses in Special Schools	Agenda item – presentation and/or report	Follows from presentation and new specification for School Nursing Service.
Commissioning Support Unit - Continuing Health Care	Agenda item - presentation and/or report	Follows from previous work on CHC.
Improving health outcomes in Rotherham	Progress Reports	<p>This is a wide area and includes performance data and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Wellbeing Strategy</li> <li>• Public Health Outcomes</li> <li>• Better Care Fund</li> </ul>
Quality Accounts	Agenda item – presentation and draft report	<p>Scrutiny of annual Quality Accounts health partners are mandated to publish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rotherham Foundation Trust</li> <li>• Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust</li> <li>• Yorkshire Ambulance Service</li> </ul>
Monitoring previous scrutiny reviews	Progress Reports – 6 month updates or final report as appropriate	<p>Progress on implementing the review recommendations. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism Spectrum Disorder</li> <li>• Residential Care</li> <li>• Hospital Discharges</li> <li>• Childhood Obesity</li> <li>• Support for Carers</li> <li>• Access to GPs</li> </ul>