

Meeting: **Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee**

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Title: **Work Programme 2022-23**

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Service: **Law and Governance**

Wards affected: **All**

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to present Members with suggestions for the work programme for 2022-23.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-committee is recommended to consider the report and prioritise topics for the work programme for 2022-23.

3. Background

3.1 Members and senior officers have been invited to put forward suggestions of possible topics for the work programme during 2022-23.

3.2 In discussion with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Sub-committee the following topics have been identified for the year ahead:

Health:

- Ambulance services in North Tyneside, response times, complaints, national comparisons
- Availability and access to NHS dentistry services in North Tyneside following the pandemic - what are the challenges and how are commissioners addressing these.
- Talking Therapies service in North Tyneside focusing on its performance and plans for improvements
- Mental health services during the pandemic, the pressures, waiting times, how we work through the backlog – children and adults
- Mental health crisis support, how and when it is accessed and what is done to support people to avoid a crisis.
- Hospital waiting lists and the back log
- Inequalities in screening uptake since the pandemic
- Cllr Clarke, Cabinet Member for Health, to be invited to provide progress against the health inequalities plan

Adult Social Care:

- Assistive technology developments
- Charging reforms
- Assurance arrangements linked to Safeguarding Adults Board

- The Autism strategy and how it is working

- Ongoing updates of the Northumbria Health Care Trust care pilot
- Work force within the care sector, recruitment, retention, training
- Cabinet Member's work on care home contract transparency review once completed
- to review different models of how we deliver home care.

It may not be possible to include all topics in the work programme for this year and some prioritisation will be needed.

Health Scrutiny

- 3.3 In North Tyneside, Health Scrutiny is carried out by the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee, therefore Members need to be mindful that in accordance with current regulations, and at the current time, the Sub-committee can:
- Review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its local area and to make reports and recommendations on such issues.
 - Consider and make recommendations on proposals from a local NHS body for a substantial development or substantial variation in health services in North Tyneside and, if the Sub-committee have significant concerns with any proposals, can ultimately refer contested service changes to the Secretary of State for Health.
- 3.4 NHS bodies and commissioners are currently required to consult the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee on substantial developments or significant variations to local health services. Therefore, the Sub-committee will need to allow flexibility in their work programme to consider these as they emerge.
- 3.5 The role and functions of health scrutiny will undergo some changes from July 2023 as a result of the Health and Care Act 2022 which implements statutory Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships from 1 July 2022.
- 3.6 A regional joint health scrutiny committee has been established with neighbouring authorities to scrutinise the implementation of the Integrated Care System (ICS) in the North East and North Cumbria. Three non-executive councillors are appointed to this Committee each year and they provide regular updates to this sub-committee following meetings of the joint committee.

4 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Work Programme 2022-23