

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2011-12

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Scrutiny Committee to receive an updated work programme for 2011-12.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Committee is responsible for setting its own work programme within the following remit:

Social Care (Adults); Welfare Rights; Relationships and scrutiny of health services; Healthy life and lifestyle choices for adults and children; Public Health; Citizenship (Adults); and External inspections (Adult Services)

- 2.2 The work programme can be amended during the year and any Member of the Committee can add an item of business.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 In addition to the items taken at the scheduled meetings the following activities have taken place since the last meeting.

Health Development Event

Some members of the Committee attended a regional health event held in Hartlepool on 31 January facilitated by Professor Stephen Singleton, Medical Director at NHS North of England. The session debated scrutiny's emerging roll in relation to Public Health and health and well-being boards.

Policy Review – Evidence Gathering Meeting

An evidence gathering meeting was held on 12 January taking evidence from the Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group on how GPs work with and are supported by other services; Hospital Social Workers in relation to Hospital Transfer & Discharge Policy at City Hospital Sunderland and Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust in relation to discharge from mental health and disability services.

Policy Review – Patient Consultation

During February Sunderland Links are working within Sunderland Royal Hospital to gather views of patients by working on a number of wards and in the discharge lounge to complete a detailed survey to gather the views of patients and their families.

Policy Review – Stakeholder Event

A stakeholder event will be held on 29 February at the Stadium of Light. The event will bring together all stakeholders patients, carers, providers, and commissioners to share views and experiences and to debate key improvement areas. It is anticipated there will approximately 100 delegates in attendance. The Committee's budget will be available to fund this event which will be free of charge to stakeholders.

4. Conclusion & Recommendation

4.1 That Members note the updated work programme.

5. Background Papers

None

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