

**COUNCIL** 25<sup>TH</sup> June 2008  
**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING REVIEW COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT**

**Report of the City Solicitor**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide Council with a summary of the operation of the Health & Well-Being Review Committee in 2007/08.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 To aid transparency and business planning, Review Committees operate to an annual work programme agreed at the beginning of each year. Additional meetings/reports are added as necessary. In total 59 reports were presented in 2007/08, over 11 meetings, divided into the following 8 categories. All presentations have been listed under the relevant category:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number of Items</u>
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<b>Policy Review &amp; Development</b>	<b>9</b>
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1. Annual Work Programme
2. Policy Review Scope and approach: 'The Market'
3. Policy Review Terms of Reference
4. Policy Review Community Day
5. Extra Care Housing progress
6. 05/06 Study Employment and Physical Disabilities: 2nd update
7. Policy Review Community Day and Expert Jury preparation
8. Policy Review Expert Jury (extraordinary meeting)
9. Policy Review final report to cabinet

<b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b>	<b>25</b>
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1. Health of Sunderland
2. Ways of Working
3. Committee Work Programme
4. Scrutiny Handbook 07/08
5. Action Plan for scrutiny
6. Halliwell Bank Landfill Site
7. Council VFM Statement
8. Vision for services: New Director of Health, Housing and Adults Services – Commissioning beyond 2007/08
9. 4th Primary Care Centre
10. Halliwell Bank Update Report
11. Blood donation in Sunderland
12. Sunderland Adult Mental Health Services - Proposed Review of Urgent Care Services
13. Cherry Knowle Service Provision - update on workshop arrangements

14. Cherry Knowle Update
15. Review of Mental Health Services in Sunderland
16. Establishing Sunderland LINK
17. Action Plan for Scrutiny
18. Cherry Knowle Update
19. Cherry Knowle Update
20. Outcomes of Smoke Free England
21. Mental Health Partnership
22. Review of MaRGs
23. Skin Care - Directorate Action Plan
24. Nookside Update
25. End of Year report

**Policy Framework** **0**

**Consultation** **10**

1. Substantial Dev & Variations in NHS Service
2. Mental Health Bill: public event
3. Regional Health Event
4. City Hospitals Chief Executive's Vision for the Future
5. Mid Year Substantial Developments and Variations in NHS Service
6. Better Health Fairer Health - Regional Strategy Consultation
7. NTW LD Reprovision
8. NHS Direct Foundation Trust Application
9. Resettlement programme in LD
10. NHS Annual Healthcheck

**Performance Review** **5**

1. Audiology Waiting times
2. Audiology Waiting times – second update
3. CSCI Performance Adult Services
4. CSCI Performance
5. Performance Report

**Information, Awareness Raising** **6**

1. Mental Health and You Event update
2. Update from NHS Trust Board Meetings
3. School Food Strategy
4. Modernisation in Older People's Services
5. Update on Mental Health Facilities project
6. NHS Development Plan

**Members' Items (in year addition)** **4**

1. Cllr Wright Advocacy and Mental Health
2. Cllr Wright Outcomes to date: smoke-free England
3. Cancer drugs
4. Cllr Blyth Healthy Communities Collaborative

**Call-In** **0**

### **3. Highlights from 2007/08**

#### **Policy Review**

- 3.1 A study was undertaken this year into commissioning in social care. The landscape of health and social care is changing rapidly and in order to meet the challenges ahead the Committee agreed to examine the commissioning cycle in order to identify strengths and weaknesses and recommend improvements.
- 3.2 Research consisted of a number of interviews, focus groups, a community event and an expert jury event. Internal staff, external organisations, service users, carers and the general public were all given the opportunity to comment. Recommendations made were based on the evidence heard by the Committee.

#### **Mental Health**

- 3.3 Cherry Knowle became the focus of much scrutiny this year. This began with the closure of the Beeches Ward and the failure of NTW to inform the Committee in the appropriate way. The Committee was attended by numerous members of the public specifically to hear this item. This led to a number of reports, visits to the site and the Committee referred the issue by letter to the Secretary of State.

#### **Smoke Free England**

- 3.4 The Committee heard two updates about the changes to laws on smoking in public places. It was reported that the city is progressing well with the changes and there has been much support from the public and from the owners of establishments affected by the changes.

#### **North East Health Strategy**

- 3.5 The Committee had the opportunity to comment on the draft version of the regional health and well-being strategy, the first of its kind in the region.

#### **Local Involvement Networks**

- 3.6 This year Local Involvement Networks (LINks) were announced as the replacement for Patient and Public Involvement Forums. The local authority is responsible for procuring the host organisation that will set up and administer the LINK. The Committee heard regular progress updates and in March 2008 the host organisation was chosen.

## **NHS Healthcheck**

- 3.7 In July, 2005, the Healthcare Commission published a new NHS performance framework based on 24 core standards in 7 domains of: Safety, Clinical & Cost Effectiveness, Governance, Patient Focus, Accessible & Responsive Care, Care Environment and Amenities and Public Health. Boards of Trusts complete a self-evaluation template. OSCs are invited to submit comments to provide 'a reality check'. A more streamlined approach to this report was taken in 2007/08 and Members were keen to repeat this next year.

## **Vision for Adult Services**

- 3.8 Health, Housing and Adult Services (HHAS) made a number of presentations about their service provision and the progress that has been made. Members heard about the progress of Extra Care facilities and that the first development is currently underway. Direct Payments are more widely used now and are continuing to develop. The new Director of the HHAS Directorate informed Members of his vision and his plans for a 15-year strategy. Members were pleased with the progress that has been made.

## **Nookside**

- 3.9 A report of the Nookside Working Group was presented to the Committee and attracted numerous members of the public. In 2007 changes had been implemented to the provision of day opportunities. After concerns about the implementation process voiced at the Health and Well-Being Review Committee, a working group was set up in 2007 at the request of the Leader to review the implementation process. The Committee was pleased with the progress that had been made and approved the recommendations made by the working group and requested quarterly updates.

## **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Committee has delivered an ambitious work programme in 2007/08. Positive feedback has been received on how the significant powers of health scrutiny are being progressed. The Audit Commission reported in the Council's Corporate Assessment that the Health and Well-Being Review Committee was delivering strong scrutiny, noting particularly strong review in relation to mental health issues. 2007/08 was another year of change for the NHS and social care. Effective planning has enabled consideration of all issues Members wished to look at.

## **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 Council is asked to consider the operation, achievements and impact of the committee during 2007/08.

## **6. Background Papers**

- 6.1 2007/08 Agendas

## **7. Glossary**

- 7.1 HHAS Health, Housing and Adult Services
- NTW Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Trust
- OSC Overview and Scrutiny Committee