

**(d) HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
PROGRESS REPORT**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

**Strategic Priorities: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO4:
Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'.**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Members of the Management Scrutiny Committee of the progress made to date by the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

2. Progress of the Scrutiny Committee

- 2.1 This is the first report to this committee on the progress of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. The report provides progress on the work of the committee since its first meeting on 17 June 2009 as follows:-

- (a) The Healthy Lives – Tackling Health Inequalities Policy Review has been scoped and work is ongoing in gathering evidence as part of the review process. Members have held an initial focus group with officers of the Health, Housing and Adult Services Directorate and development of the community event day is ongoing.
- (b) The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held the October 2009 committee meeting at the Washington Multi-Purpose Centre.
- (c) The Committee also received an early briefing on the Swine Flu situation in Sunderland and continue to receive regular updates from Sunderland's Teaching Primary Care Trust. If the situation was to deteriorate the committee would request a further briefing by the Director of Public Health.
- (d) The committee has also received the first update on the previous policy review – Dementia Care in Sunderland. The report outlined progress on the recommendations.
- (e) The Committee also received a presentation from Church View Medical Practice on an integrated care pilot scheme which would see the practice and the local acute trust working together. As a result of the presentation concerns were raised around the lack of consultation involving pilot schemes in general. As a result the committee

recommended that a letter be sent to the Secretary of State outlining these concerns.

- (f) Members continue to receive an update from Northumberland Tyne and Wear Trust on acute bed numbers. As the committee has been satisfied with the current reporting this is now received on a quarterly rather than monthly basis.

2.2 The Committee are also looking at the following:

- (a) Members of the Committee are to use some of their scrutiny budget to attend a networking event in Leeds which will provide an opportunity to discuss health issues with fellow scrutineers. The event will also provide information for the policy review around health inequalities
- (b) The Committee is also to hold a joint meeting with Durham and South Tyneside Health Scrutiny functions to receive a consultation on Mental Health and Learning Disability Environments in Sunderland and South Tyneside.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Management Scrutiny Committee notes the progress of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

4. Background Papers

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2009/10

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