

SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR HEALTH ISSUES	Agenda Item No. 10
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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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REVIEW OF WORK UNDERTAKEN IN 2009-2010 AND PRIORITIES FOR 2010-2011

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

- to provide the Commission with a review of the scrutiny work undertaken in the 2009-2010 municipal year; and
- to invite the Commission, in accordance with the Constitution, to set its own work programme for 2010-2011 in line with the Council's key priorities and the Commission's remit.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission considers the 2009-2010 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary; and
- 2.2 That the Commission determines its priorities, and prepares a work programme, for the 2010-2011 municipal year.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Since the annual meeting of the Council on 18 May 2009, the Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues received reports on the following:

- a) New Dental Initiatives - Minor Oral Surgery Engagement Strategy
- b) Hospital Complaints Process
- c) Swine Flu
- d) The Future of Hyperbaric Services at Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- e) Safe Sharps Disposal Pilot Project – This item was the subject of several reports throughout the year, and saw the long anticipated installation of the safe sharps bins in March 2010.
- f) Green Paper On Funding Adult Social Care – “Shaping The Future Of Care Together”
- g) Coronary Heart Disease - The Commission agreed to carry out a major review on the prevention of smoking and obesity, including education and the promotion of exercise, focusing on the Council's services and how they impact on the issue.
- h) Adult Social Care Inspection Action Plan

- i) Older People's Accommodation Strategy
- j) Care Quality Commission Ratings For Adult Social Care 2008/09
- k) NHS Peterborough Recovery Plan – the Commission received a presentation and subsequently held a special meeting to discuss the NHS Peterborough financial deficit and its impact on service provision for the Peterborough community.
- l) Safer Peterborough Partnership Adult Drug Treatment Plan 2010/2011

In addition to these specific items, the Commission also received regular reports on:

- a) Peterborough Safeguarding Adults
- b) NHS Peterborough Budgetary Monitoring Reports
- c) Performance Reports on Adult Social care Services in Peterborough

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 The Commission is asked to consider the work undertaken during 2009-2010 and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of any of these items where necessary.

4.2 In preparing a work programme for 2010-2011, the Commission is requested to consider its functions as set out in the terms of reference:

- To discharge overview and scrutiny functions, including call-in, in relation to any area within the remit of the Scrutiny Committees which has potential for significant impact on the health of the communities of Peterborough.
- Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:
 - by exercising the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive or key decisions which have been delegated to an officer
 - by scrutinising Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan
 - by scrutinising Executive decisions after they have been implemented, as part of a wider policy review
- To review and scrutinise the planning, decisions, policy development, service provision and performance relating to the following service areas:
 - Adult Social Care
 - Public Health
 - Safeguarding Adults
 - Scrutiny of the NHS
- To scrutinise the agencies, mechanisms and processes involved in delivering services which have an impact on the health of communities.
- To contribute to the development of policies, strategies and plans in relation to the delivery of health services.
- To establish time limited working groups to undertake specific enquiries.
- To undertake all of the Council's statutory functions in accordance with section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006, to review and scrutinise matters relating to the health service within the Council's area and to make reports and recommendations to local NHS bodies. This will include appointing members, from within the membership of the

Commission, to any joint health overview and scrutiny committees with other local authorities.

- 4.3 In accordance with the constitution, the Commission is reminded that the following items are designated as 'excluded matters' and may not be included on any agenda:
- a) Any matter relating to a licensing or planning decision;
 - b) Any matter relating to an individual body where there is already a statutory right to a review or appeal (other than the right to complain to the Local government Ombudsman); and
 - c) Any matter which is vexatious, discriminatory or not reasonable to be included on the agenda for, or to be discussed at, a meeting of the Commission.
- 4.4 From time to time, members may request reports for 'information only'. 'Information only' items will be addressed through the 'Scrutiny Bulletin' system. From this process, any items identified by the Commission as suitable for further scrutiny may be added to the work programme as necessary.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 5.1 Minutes of the meetings of the Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues held on: 14 July 2009, 8 September 2009, 10 November 2009, 12 January 2010, 9 March 2010 and 29 March 2010.

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