

Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2013-2014

Date	Item	Why is this a Scrutiny Item?	Contact Officer	Additional Comments
September 2013				
18 Sept	NHS 111 Service	Scrutiny of Services – The NHS 111 Service went live in Surrey in March. The aim of the service is to provide an alternative to 999 for non-emergency medical advice, improving on the historic NHS Direct service. It should help reduce demand on both the ambulance service and A&Es from non-emergency patients. The Committee will scrutinise outcomes in the first six months of the service being available, to identify whether it is having an impact on A&E attendances and ambulance conveyance rates. The Committee will also explore the patient experience of the service.	SECamb CCG Representative Acute representative Patient representative	
18 Sept	Healthwatch Update Report	Scrutiny of Services – Healthwatch works with the Committee to identify areas of concern for investigation. Healthwatch will report on its work since April and the Committee can identify any future areas of work.	Healthwatch representative	
18 Sept	Patient Transport Update	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee scrutinised the first six months' delivery of the Patient Transport contract in March, following several complaints from and identified problems experienced by service users. The Committee will again scrutinise delivery of this contract to seek assurances that the problems have been fixed.	SECamb PTS commissioner SCC Transport team Surrey Coalition of Disabled People	
18 Sept	NHS Finances	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will scrutinise current CCG budget	CCG finance	

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		information.	representatives	
Workshop to be scheduled				
TBC	GP Out of hours service	Scrutiny of Services – Public confidence in local GP out of hours schemes is very low. This can lead to more A&E attendances as people struggle to access healthcare at nights and weekends. The Committee will scrutinise current plans for out-of-hours care across the county.	CCG representatives	
November 2013				
14 Nov	Development of Services for the Frail and Elderly	Scrutiny of Services/Policy Development – The Frail/Elderly pathway has been identified as a key priority County-wide. Issues include the unnecessary admission of care home residents into hospital. Hospitals and CCGs have been developing key workstreams around improving the pathway. It is important for the Committee to scrutinise current services and contribute to the development and commissioning of new services and pathways.	SASH East Surrey CCG & other CCGs Sarah Mitchell, Strategic Director for Adult Social Care	To be joint with ASC Select
14 Nov	Virtual Wards	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will scrutinise outcomes from this project, one year from implementation.	North West Surrey CCG East Surrey CCG Jean Boddy, Adult Social	

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			Care	
14 Nov	Health & Wellbeing Board Update	Scrutiny of Services – The Health & Wellbeing Board will be invited to present a report identifying progress since April and any potential changes in service provision or commissioning for the next year.	Chair(s) Health & Wellbeing Board Simon Laker, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing	
14 Nov	Report of Quality Account Member Reference Groups	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will receive mid-year update reports from each of the NHS Trust Quality Account Member Reference Groups (QA MRGs).	MRG Chairmen	
January 2014				
9 Jan	Sexual Health Services for Children and Young People	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will scrutinise prevention work with children and young people in schools, colleges and the youth service.	Akeem Ali, Director of Public Health Caroline Budden, Children, Schools & Families	To be joint with C&F Select
9 Jan	Childhood Obesity	Scrutiny of Services – There is a growing national problem of obesity in children and young people. The JSNA identifies that Surrey does not have an agreed weight management care pathway and services vary across the County, not meeting the needs of those at high risk. The Committee will scrutinise efforts of Public Health and the CCGs in addressing this	Akeem Ali, Director of Public Health Guildford &	To be joint with C&F Select

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		issue.	Waverley CCG Children, Schools & Families representative	
9 Jan	Post-stroke Rehabilitation Update	Scrutiny of Services/Policy Development – In 2012, the Committee commissioned Healthwatch’s predecessor, LINK, to undertake a project on the accessibility and quality of post-stroke rehabilitative care in the county. They made their report in March 2013 and developed an action plan that passed to Healthwatch for their continued work. The Committee will scrutinise progress so far in implementing the improvements suggested in the action plan.	Healthwatch representative Jane Shipp	
9 Jan	Surrey & Sussex Local Area Team	Scrutiny of Services – The Surrey & Sussex Local Area Team of the National Commissioning Board will be invited to report on their commission intentions for primary care and prisoner and offender health for the next year.	Amanda Fadero, Surrey & Sussex LAT	
9 Jan	NHS Finances	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will scrutinise current CCG budget information.	CCG finance representatives	
March 2014				
19 Mar	Mental Health Crisis Line Review	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will scrutinise further work to improve the mental health crisis line provided by Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. The report will include outcomes of the carers meetings once they are complete; a review of the acute care pathway; and any further user surveys.	Mandy Stevens/ Rachel Hennessy, SABP NE Hants &	

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			Farnham CCG	
19 Mar	End of Life Care	Scrutiny of Services – People approaching the end of their lives may have complex care needs. Their family also needs to be supported to cope with the relative’s eventual death. The Committee will scrutinise current service provision in responding to a person’s choices in end of life care.	CCGs Acute hospital representative Social care representative	
19 Mar	Review of Quality Account Priorities	Policy Development – The Committee will receive progress reports from the QA MRGs for each NHS Trust and review the MRG’s comments on priorities for the next year’s QA for those Trusts that have submitted draft priorities.	MRG Chairmen/Leah O’Donovan, Scrutiny Officer	
May 2014				
22 May	Diabetes management	Scrutiny of Services – The prevention and management of diabetes was identified as a priority for the County in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has identified that not everyone who needs weight management and exercise programmes is accessing them. The Committee will scrutinise current service provision and identify any gaps.	CCGs Primary Care representative Community Health representative	
22 May	Review of Quality Account Priorities	Policy Development – The Committee will review the MRG’s comments on priorities for the next year’s QA for those Trusts submitting priorities since the last meeting.	MRG Chairmen/Leah O’Donovan, Scrutiny Officer	
22 May	NHS Finances	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will scrutinise current CCG budget	CCG finance representatives	

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3 July	Prisoner and Offender Health	Scrutiny of Services – There are five prisons in Surrey with approximately 2,700 prisoners. Prisoners have high health needs, often coupled with backgrounds characterised by inequalities. The Surrey Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) sets out a number of gaps and areas of unmet need for the prisoner population in Surrey and it is therefore important that the Committee investigates options for addressing this issue.	Surrey & Sussex LAT Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	
3 July	Meeting rural area emergencies	Scrutiny of Services – The Community First Responder Scheme (CFRS) and the location of public-use de-fibrillators in rural areas is part of the way in which these residents receive medical emergency services as there is not always the ability to get an ambulance within the eight-minute target window. The Committee has expressed a desire to learn more about this area and to identify ways of expanding the CFRS scheme in order to reach more people in rural areas.	SECamb SCC representative	
To be scheduled				
	Renal Services	Scrutiny of Services/Policy Development – St Helier Hospital, which is based in the London Borough of Sutton, provides renal services to most Surrey residents. Following the outcome of the Better Services Better Value review that X should become a planned care centre, there is a need to review access to these services for residents of Surrey. The Committee will scrutinise current availability of renal services and the potential to move services back into Surrey.	Epsom & St Helier Hospitals CCG lead (TBC)	

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	Cancer Services	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will scrutinise current provision of cancer screening and treatment services across the County.	Acute hospital representatives Community health representatives	
Page 151	Community Health Services	Scrutiny of Services – The Committee will scrutinise current community health provision across the County from the three community providers.	Virgin Care Central Surrey Health First Community Health & Care ASC representation	
	Continuing Health Care (CHC)	Scrutiny of Services – Historically there was a backlog of CHC decisions to be made. The Committee will scrutinise the new lead CCG on arrangements for handling the backlog and moving forward.	Surrey Downs CCG Andy Butler, SCC ASC	
	Partnership working arrangements with Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SABP)	Scrutiny of Services/Policy Development – The Mental Health Services Public Value Review of 2012 reviewed the partnership working arrangements of Surrey County Council and Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. The Committee will scrutinise the outcomes of this review.	Donal Hegarty/Jane Bremner, ASC	To be joint with ASC Select

Task and Working Groups

Group	Membership	Purpose	Reporting dates
Unplanned Care	TBC	There is a national and regional issue whereby people attend A&E for non-emergency care. The various reasons include inability to secure an appointment with a local GP or general lack of knowledge about other more appropriate services. CCGs will attempt to reduce the number of A&E attendances and the aim of this Group will be to work with the CCGs to communicate the message of A&E alternatives to the general public.	TBC
Prevention for 50-plus	TBC – To be joint with Adult Social Care Select Committee	Preventing the need for social care or health care in the future is paramount to reducing costs across the health and social care landscape as well as contributing to a healthier Surrey population. The Group will investigate the availability and provision of preventative services across the County for both physical and mental wellbeing for	March 2014

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