



<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item No.</b>
Councillor Julie Robinson	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 October 2021	5

<b>Lancashire County Council - Health Scrutiny Committee</b>
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To advise the committee about the work of Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.

**2. Outcomes**

- 2.1 Councillors to be better informed about health scrutiny in Lancashire.
- 2.2 Improved provision of health services in Wyre.

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That Wyre's nominated representative on Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee, currently Cllr Robinson, continues to feed back to the O&S Committee at least once per year, or more frequently if matters of particular significance for Wyre residents arise.
- 3.2 That the report be noted.

**4. Background**

- 4.1 Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee is a statutory committee which has the following stated purpose, as per LCC's Constitution:
- To scrutinise matters relating to health and adult social care delivered by the authority, the National Health Service and other relevant partners.
  - In reviewing any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, to invite interested parties to comment on the matter and take account of relevant information available, particularly that provided by the Local Healthwatch.
  - In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes, to take steps to reach agreement with the NHS body.

- In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes where agreement cannot be reached with the NHS, to refer the matter to the relevant Secretary of State.
- To refer to the relevant Secretary of State any NHS proposal which the Committee feels has been the subject of inadequate consultation.
- To scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- To request that the Internal Scrutiny Committee establish as necessary joint working arrangements with district councils and other neighbouring authorities.
- To draw up a forward programme of health scrutiny in consultation with other local authorities, NHS partners, the Local Healthwatch and other key stakeholders.
- To acknowledge within 20 working days to referrals on relevant matters from the Local Healthwatch or Local Healthwatch contractor, and to keep the referrer informed of any action taken in relation to the matter.
- To require the Chief Executives of local NHS bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions, and to invite the chairs and non-executive directors of local NHS bodies to appear before the Committee to give evidence.
- To invite any officer of any NHS body to attend before the Committee to answer questions or give evidence.
- To recommend the Full Council to co-opt on to the Committee persons with appropriate expertise in relevant health matters, without voting rights.
- To establish and make arrangements for a Health Steering Group the main purpose of which to be to manage the workload of the full Committee more effectively in the light of the increasing number of changes to health services.

**4.2** The membership of the Health Scrutiny Committee is twelve County Councillors, plus twelve non-voting co-opted members, nominated by the twelve district councils.

**4.3** Councillor Julie Robinson is Wyre Council's nominated co-opted representative on this committee.

## **5. Key issues and proposals**

**5.1** There were six meetings of the Health Scrutiny Committee during the 2020/21 municipal year.

The substantive issues discussed were:

- Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS COVID-19 Response
- NHS 111 First Programme

- Lancashire County Council Adult social care – winter preparations
- Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan
- Update on suicide prevention in Lancashire and South Cumbria
- NHS Test & Trace and Mass Testing
- Shaping Care Together programme: transforming hospital and community services in West Lancashire, Southport and Formby
- New Hospitals Programme

**5.2** Councillor Robinson’s membership of the Health Scrutiny Committee provides an opportunity for Wyre Council to be directly represented in the scrutiny of health services in Lancashire. It also provides a channel for feedback to the council on any wider health issues that will have a particular impact on Wyre’s residents.

**Other risks/implications: checklist**

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
community safety	X
equality and diversity	X
sustainability	X
health and safety	X

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
asset management	X
climate change	X
ICT	X
data protection	X

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In addition to considering data protection along with the other risks/ implications, the report author will need to decide if a ‘privacy impact assessment (PIA)’ is also required. If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in the collection and processing of personal data for the first time (i.e. purchase of a new system, a new working arrangement with a third party) a PIA will need to have been completed and signed off by Data Protection Officer before the decision is taken in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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