

Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Cllr Julie Robinson	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	30 July 2018	4

Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee 2017-18
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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 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 terms of reference, as approved at the meeting on Monday 24 July 2017:

1. To scrutinise matters relating to health and adult social care delivered by the authority, the National Health Service and other relevant partners.

2. 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.

3. In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes, to take steps to reach agreement with the NHS body
4. 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.
5. To refer to the relevant Secretary of State any NHS proposal which the Committee feels has been the subject of inadequate consultation.
6. To scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
7. To request that the Internal Scrutiny Committee establish as necessary joint working arrangements with district councils and other neighbouring authorities.
8. To draw up a forward programme of health scrutiny in consultation with other local authorities, NHS partners, the Local Healthwatch and other key stakeholders.
9. 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.
10. To require the Chief Executives of local NHS bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions, and to invite the chairs and nonexecutive directors of local NHS bodies to appear before the Committee to give evidence.
11. To invite any officer of any NHS body to attend before the Committee to answer questions or give evidence.
12. To recommend the Full Council to co-opt on to the Committee persons with appropriate expertise in relevant health matters, without voting rights.
13. 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 Councillor Julie Robinson is Wyre Council's nominated co-opted representative on this committee.

5. Key Issues covered

5.1 There were seven meetings of the Health Scrutiny Committee during the

2017/18 municipal year.

The committee considered a wide range of items during the year, including the following:

- Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust – Recruitment and retention and the mobilisation of Chorley and South Ribble Hospital’s Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre
- Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Partnership – Update on the work of the Local Workforce Action Board
- NHS Five Year Forward View: Integrating Care Locally – progress update
- Winter pressures and preparations
- Suicide prevention in Lancashire
- Improvements to Mental Health provision in Lancashire
- Delayed transfers of care
- Scrutiny of relevant budget proposals 2018/19
- Health Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2017/18
- Health Education England
- Life Expectancy and Health in all policies
- Reports from the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

5.2 Cllr 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.

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