

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Scrutiny Board 4 (Community Services, Health et al): Work plan 2006 – 2007

N.B. The following elements of the work plan were agreed at the informal meeting of Scrutiny Board 4 on 7 June 2006, and will be confirmed at the first formal meeting on 19 July 2006.

Reviews:

1. Review of care pathways for older people through acute settings

Why this topic?

- Part of the 2005 – 2006 work plan; not completed because of NHS statutory consultations
- Recognised need to learn about and improve older people's experience of acute care, particularly the interface between hospital and discharge into the community
- Helping to further improve performance in the new University Hospital Walsgrave, and build its reputation as a centre of innovation and excellence
- Facilitating joint working between local authority and NHS partners

Objectives?

- To produce recommendations to UHCW, CTPCT and CCC relating to the patient and carer journey through acute care settings

Methodology?

- User researchers, themselves older people, trained to interview inpatients and carers while at University Hospital, Walsgrave, and post-discharge
- Similar methodology to that used for the HOPE2 review of intermediate care in 2003

Project Management?

- Review steering group (comprising 2 – 3 members [Cllrs Chater, Lucas and Waters, at time of writing], Health Scrutiny Co-ordinator, Esther Peapell (CTPCT), Grace Forrester (Community Services), Marcia McFarlane (Older People Partnership), UHCW representative(s), to meet *circa* six times during the course of the review

Timescale?

- User researcher training September 2006, interviews October 2006, final report November 2006

Budget?

- In 2005 – 2006 the budget for the review was reported to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at £6,500. This initial estimate remains in place, with option for growth should the review require it.

2. Review of developing the health economy in Coventry and Warwickshire

Why this topic?

- Coventry Teaching Primary Care Trust and University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire are both reporting FY 2006-2007 as “challenging”. CTPCT has to make savings of over £20 million, and has sought West Midlands NHS Bank support for payments related to the University Hospital PFI. The two hospital trusts in Warwickshire, George Eliot Hospital and South Warwickshire Hospitals, both ended the financial year in debt, and have implemented recovery plans
- The UHCW University Hospital Walsgrave PFI opens in July 2006. UHCW will begin making full unitary charge payments this year
- The Coventry and Warwickshire Acute Service Review will publish its findings and recommendations in June 2006
- Three new local NHS Trusts (West Midlands Ambulance Service, Coventry and Warwickshire Mental Health Trust, and Warwickshire Primary Care Trust) are likely to be established during this civic year. A fourth, UHCW Foundation Trust, is also in development.
- Recent national NHS “market” initiatives such as *Payment by Results*, *Patient Choice*, *Practice Based Commissioning* and *Foundation Trust* status are all of increasing relevance to the development of the Coventry and Warwickshire “local health economy”
- The recent Department of Health white paper, *Your Health, Your Care, Your Say*, suggested closer working and integration of social care and health services would be the norm in future, coupled to moving services out of hospital and into community settings
- The success or failure of the local health economy has implications for the new hospital, patients, and staff. Beyond this, its performance will directly affect Community Services, and is of tremendous importance to the Coventry’s wider economy and its reputation as a place where people want to live and work, and businesses want to invest

Objective?

- To produce recommendations to CTPCT, UHCW and CCC relating to supporting the development of a successful local health economy

Methodology?

- Member briefing on NHS Finance, 6 September 2006
- Request for written contributions followed by select committee style question and answer sessions with key stakeholders, supported by informal briefings and site visits as appropriate. Q&A with NHS senior officers scheduled for 13 September 2006.

Project management?

- Health Scrutiny Co-ordinator reporting informally to the chair and vice-chair, and formally to the whole scrutiny board

Timescale?

- Request for written submissions June 2006

- Evidence gathering sessions September/October 2006, final report November 2006

Budget?

- *Circa* £500 (printing and dissemination) – to be reported to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

3. Review(s) relating to the Cabinet Member portfolios for Community Services, and Health and Housing

The new Cabinet Member plans will be published in July 2006. Given the existing workload facing the new scrutiny board, it recommended that members wait for the publication of the new plans before selecting review topics relating to their “internal” scrutiny role. No more than one or two additional review topics may be accommodated in the work plan, in addition to the monitoring role.

The Director of Community Services has suggested the implementation of Individual Budgets as a possible review topic.

The “co-option” of the Cabinet Member Advisory Panel on neighbourhood management into Scrutiny Board 4 is a significant development. It reflects the aspiration to work more collaboratively with the executive to produce recommendations that will not only be accepted, but will be implemented and lead to service improvement.

The sub-group, chaired by Cllr Clifford with Cllr Matchet present, has met informally. It will develop a workplan of its own, with a principal element being the implementation of ward forums.

Part 3 - NHS Statutory Consultations in 2006 – 2007

Under the *Health and Social Care Act 2001* NHS organisations are obliged to consult with local health overview and scrutiny committees when proposing “substantial” development of or variation to services in the local authority area. The health overview and scrutiny committee is not required to respond, but if it does, it should be guided by answering two questions relating to any such proposal:

- Is the consultation adequate, with sufficient time allowed and information provided?
- Is the proposal in the interest of health services in its area?

The health overview and scrutiny committee cannot stop a proposed development or variation, but the proposing NHS Trust(s) must consider its response. If the health overview and scrutiny committee is not satisfied, it may formally refer the matter to the Secretary of State for Health.

The Health Scrutiny Co-ordinator has received notification of two statutory NHS consultations, one of which is just about to start, the other being at a much earlier stage

A. Coventry and Warwickshire Acute Services Review

Launch date:

15 June 2006

Closing date:

21 September 2006

Subject:

Reconfiguration of hospital ["acute"] services in Coventry and Warwickshire, affecting University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust, and South Warwickshire Hospitals NHS Trust, reflecting issues around clinical best practice and efficient use of available resources

Issues:

Headline proposals relate to changes to emergency surgery, paediatric and maternity services, and cancer services

There is a clear overlap in these proposals with the Board's review of the development of the local health economy.

B. Regional Cardiac Services Reconfiguration

Launch date:

Unknown

Closing date:

Unknown

Subject:

Changes to accepted clinical best practice have radically altered projections of demand for cardiac surgery downwards. This has created potential over-capacity for cardiac surgery in the west midlands region.

Issues:

Reconfiguration of services to reflect lower anticipated demand in the four existing cardiac surgery centres (UHCW, University Hospitals Birmingham Foundation Trust, Royal Wolverhampton Hospital Trust, University Hospitals North Staffordshire Trust).

Part 4 - Meeting dates and initial agendas

7 June 2006

Modernising Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities

7 June 2006 (informal)

Draft workplan

Members Advisory Panel – Neighbourhood Management

Coventry and Warwickshire Ambulance Service

Co-opted members

19 July 2006

Coventry and Warwickshire acute services review – evidence session
(also evidence for review of developing the local health economy)

Health Scrutiny Annual report 2005 – 2006

Reform of patient and public involvement in health

Transport, access and parking: Walsgrave Hospital (tbc)

Additional meeting, 30 August 2006

Cabinet member plans: Community Services, Health – Question and Answer session (also evidence for review of developing the local health economy)

Agree review topic(s) related to Community Services, Housing, Health portfolios

[Dates for members' diaries:

31 August 2006 & 1 September 2006 – Warwickshire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee evidence sessions on Coventry and Warwickshire Acute Services Review. 9.30am - 4.30pm, Manor Hall School, Sandy Lane, Leamington Spa]

13 September 2006 (to be held at University Hospital, Walsgrave – tbc)

Q&A with NHS senior officers – Walsgrave Hospital/Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital move to University Hospital, ambulance service handover, development of the local health economy

Agree response to Coventry and Warwickshire Acute Services Review

11 October 2006

Agreement on protocols for notification of substantial developments and variations to health services in Coventry

8 November 2006

Review of developing the health economy in Coventry and Warwickshire – final report

6 December 2006

Review of care pathways for older people through acute settings – final report

17 January 2007

January 2007

Member briefing on health inequalities in Coventry (tbc)

14 February 2007

Scrutiny submission to Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check for local NHS Trusts (tbc)

14 March 2007

11 April 2007

Scrutiny board annual report 2006 – 2007