

Scrutiny Board 4: 27 June 2007

Draft Scrutiny Board 4 workplan 07-08

SB4: 19 June 2007 (Informal meeting)

Briefing on scrutiny, work planning

SB4: 27 June 2007

Annual Report of the Director of Public Health

Annual report 06/07

Report: Appointment of Chair of the Neighbourhood Working Sub-Group

SB4 and neighbourhood working sub-group draft review work plans

- Review topic(s): Internal
- Review topic: 1 x External health related (guidance from DPH)
- Review topic: Neighbourhood wardens
- Review topic: Implementation of the Police and Justice Act 2006
- Review topic: Ward Forums (12 month review)
- Review topic: University Hospital Walsgrave: Appointments, Bus Travel and Choice (referral from Older People's Advisory Panel, see appendix 1)

Report: Cultural Strategy

Report: Dementia Day Care

Report: Shaping services for older people

SB4: 25 July 2007

Final Report of Review of the experiences of older people in hospital and after discharge

SB4: Date TBC (Summer 2007)

Report: Fees and charges (Culture, Leisure and Libraries)

SB4 Neighbourhood Working Subgroup: 3 August 2007 at 2pm

Report: Work plan

Report: Review of Neighbourhood Wardens Service

SB4: 8 August 2007 (additional meeting)

Q&A on Cabinet Member Plans – CS, NCS, CLL

SB4: 19 Sept 2007

Follow up: Breastfeeding

Follow up: Phlebotomy

Implementation of the ban on smoking in enclosed public places and work places

Libraries Strategic Facilities Plan

Report: University Hospital Walsgrave: Appointments, Bus Travel and Choice

SB4 NWS: 9 October 2007

Implementation of the Police and Justice Act 2006

SB4: 17 Oct 2007

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust: One year on

West Midlands Ambulance Service: Fifteen months on

SB4: 14 Nov 2007

SB4: 12 Dec 2007

Joint Director of Public Health: 12-month review of the post

Physical Activities Strategy

SB4 NWS: 15 Jan 2008

SB4: 23 Jan 2008

Follow up: Local Health Economy and its impact on Local Authority Services and Budgets

Report of the review of joint commissioning of health and social care in Coventry and Warwickshire

Question and answer session with NHS senior managers

SB4: 20 Feb 2008

Health Care Commission Annual Health Check: Agree HOSC submissions

SB4: 19 March 2008

Coventry LIFT, particularly city centre

SB4 NWS: 15 April 2008

SB4: 16 April 2008

Report of review of external health related issue

SB4: Date TBC

Green Space Strategy

External visits:

West Midlands Ambulance Services – 18 June 2007

Coventry Teaching PCT – Date TBC

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire – Date TBC

Other visits to Community Services and CLL facilities

Appendix 1

Walsgrave Hospital appointments, bus travel and choice

Background

At the time of this issue being raised, Coventry City Council's Older People's Advisory Panel was chaired by Councillor Heather Noonan, Cabinet Member (Community Services). As of 11 May 2007, Councillor Shabbir Ahmed is now Cabinet Member (Community Services)

The panel is made up of representatives of older people's organisations.

Its current remit is to:

- To inform and assist the Cabinet Member (Community Services) in improving access for older people to Council services.
- To identify issues that are significant to meeting the needs and aspirations of older people.
- To provide feedback to the Cabinet Member on key developments and policy proposals.

At its meeting on 15 January 2007, an issue was raised in relation to hospital appointments in that existing concessionary passes for bus travel are not valid until 9.30am. Walsgrave hospital is now offering appointments from 8.30 am which can cause older people additional expense attending the appointment.

It is proposed to investigate this matter through our Health Scrutiny Committee.

Scope

- To understand fully the concerns of older people arising from the above issue.
- To understand how flexible Walsgrave Hospital appointment system is once an older person has been referred via their GP.
- To determine if the recently introduced 'Choose and Book' can overcome this situation of difficulties arising from early appointments.
- To understand the extent to which clinical need might require an early appointment.
- To determine if a local arrangement, between Walsgrave Hospital and bus operators for remuneration of travel costs for those older people who are required to attend early appointments is required.

How to proceed

The issue outlined above to be raised at Health Scrutiny Committee on 27th June. It then to be investigated and evidence gathered via a project group in order to report back findings to a subsequent Health Scrutiny Committee. The outcome of the Health Scrutiny Committee to be reported back to the Older People's Advisory Panel in September 2007

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