

**SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28th  
NOVEMBER 2012**

**JOINT HOSC WORK PROGRAMME**

**REPORT OF SCRUTINY GROUP SPECIALIST**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To update Members on the work programme for the Committee and enable members to review the work programme for 2012 – 14.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1 The Committee receives the update on work programme for the Joint HOSC set out in Appendix 1.**

**2.2 The Committee agrees any changes to the work programme.**

**3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 3.1 JHOSC -20

**4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 4.1 None

**5.0 JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

- 5.1 The work of the Joint HOSC has focussed largely on the reconfiguration of services and the subsequent business case. As set out in the response to the consultation held in 2010/11 the Committee will continue to monitor the issues identified and these have been reported to the Committee as part of the assurance grid. However as the service changes are made and other issues are identified for the joint HOSC to consider it is appropriate to update the assurance grid and incorporate additional issues.

5.2 Appendix 1 sets out a draft work programme for the Joint HOSC identifying issues to come to the Committee over the next 18 months. Members are asked to consider the draft work programme and agree any amendments. The following items in the Assurance Grid do not currently have a timescale for an update. Members are asked to consider how this work will be incorporated in the work programme:

- 1.9 Further work with Commissioners to develop hospital at home service for children to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions
- 3.3 Wider changes in NHS e.g. changes in commissioning resulting in services going out of County
- 3.4 Service changes not meeting planned timescales putting patients at risk and impacting on the project as a whole

5.3 In addition to the items sets out on Appendix 1 which relate to the planning and provision of services by the Royal Shrewsbury Hospitals NHS Trust Members may also want to include further work on:

- The modernisation of mental health services
- Community Health Trust updates and Foundation Trust application

## **6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1 There are no specific equal opportunity impacts arising from this report. Equal Opportunity issues will be considered as part of the work of the JOINT HOSC.

## **7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.1 There are no environmental implications resulting from this report. Environmental impacts will be considered as appropriate to the topics in the work programme.

## **8.0. LEGAL COMMENT**

8.1 Each Scrutiny Committee may agree its own work programme in accordance with Part 4 Section 5 of the Council's Constitution.

## **9.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

9.1 The work of the Joint HOSC links with Telford and Wrekin Council's

corporate priority to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities and address health inequalities.

**10. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS**

- 10.1 The Joint HOSC will consider the risks and opportunities of the issues included in the work programme.

**11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 The work programme will need to be managed within existing resources and adjustments made accordingly to ensure that this is the case. Any financial implications arising from recommendations will be considered as part of the relevant reports and any variances will be reported through financial monitoring as appropriate.

**12. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 There are no specific ward implications arising from this report.

**13. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 13.1 None.

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