



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMISSION 25 July 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Work Programme 2005/06

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That the Commission identifies and agrees topics for its work programme.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.2 Members were asked at the last meeting of this Commission to make suggestions on topics that could be included in this year's work programme. The work programme needs to be flexible to enable urgent items other issues may arise to be considered as and when they occur. Since the Commission has already agreed to continue with the review of children looked after services, Members were asked to identify other topics for scrutiny. The topics listed below have been suggested so far.
- 1.3 Members are asked to agree the topics they wish to review and indicate possible dates when these could be considered. The items for this meeting have been included as an example.

Date	Topic	Witnesses
25 July	<p>Access to Dental Health The Commission wishes to see how NHS dental services are provided in the city. In particular, to look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral health of the residents in the city and how it compares with other cities in the region • Dental health of children and vulnerable groups • Promotion of oral health and preventative work being carried by the PCT's • Access to NHS dental health services in the city for routine, occasional and out of hours treatment • Number of dental practices offering NHS services and those accepting new patients. 	PCT Ken Wragg - Consultant in Dental Public Health - Derbyshire / Dental Lead Trent SHA
25 July	<p>NHS Travel Cost Scheme Comments on the leaflet prepared by the Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust that gives details to patients on the help with</p>	

	travelling costs	
25 July	Notification of the Retirement of Dr P K& Dr A Chakraborti Consider actions of the Greater Derby Primary Care Trust in response to planned GP retirement.	
	Review of Children Looked After Services The Commission has met with a group of Children Looked After and now is now ready to receive evidence from the service providers	Social Services
	Review of Fairer Charging for Non Residential Community Care Services - Cllr Fareed Hussain The Government issued statutory guidance under the Care Standards Act 2000 to help councils ensure their charging policies were fair and consistent. It required them to introduce new charging regime following assessments of the services user and in consultation with the stakeholders. In Derby, the Council Cabinet consulted service users on two options, charging service users £4.50 per hour with a maximum weekly charge £31.50 (Option A) and £8 per hour with maximum weekly charge £35 (Option B). Fairer Charging was fully implemented on 6 December 2003 based on Option A, the outcome of the consultation. The Commission may wish to review the how Fairer Charging is currently operating and consider whether it is delivering value for money and functioning in line with the expectations.	Social Services- Adult Services Service Users
	Consider the progress to the Health Inequalities topic Review— Cllr Fareed Hussain The Commission published its final report on health inequalities in July last year. The Commission may wish to examine the progress being made on the five key recommendations.	Partnership bodies
	Rehabilitation Service including Tomlinson Court – Cllr Fareed Hussain	Senior Officer- Social Services and service users
	Extra Care Village- Examination of the alternatives to traditional residential Homes for elderly people – Pat Hill This would include scrutiny of our use of the home care service to keep people in their own homes. Also could include consideration of the construction of an Extra Care Village for older people in Derby. Primary Care Trusts and the Derwent Housing Association are being asked to look into this as it accords with Government priorities.	Senior Officer- Social Services
	Director of Public Health Annual Report – Cllr Fareed Hussain The Director of Public has produced its annual report “Reducing Health Inequalities in Derby” in conjunction with the Council. Members may wish to invite the Director of Public Health and ask him present the report and explain how health inequalities are being tackled in the city.	Director of Public Health, Assistant Director Environmental Health and Trading

		Standards
	Social Services and Healthcare Commission should consider the feasibility of producing a freely available booklet detailing different organisations including the Social Services Department, Hospitals and GP services, which older people can access – Councillor Latham, Lead Cabinet Member Adult Services and Health	
	How can we attract and keep more Qualified Social Workers, especially those who specialise in children? What are other authorities doing regarding recruitment, retention and training etc? - Councillor E Berry, Lead Cabinet Member Children’s Services and Health	Senior Officer- Social Services
	How can we attract and keep foster carers and adopters? – What PR is working for others? Do we get young people involved? - Councillor E Berry, Lead Cabinet Member Children’s Services and Health	Senior Officer- Social Services, Foster cares
	Examine issues of Teenage pregnancies - Councillor E Berry, Lead Cabinet Member Children’s Services and Health	Teenage Pregnancy Co- ordinator
	Establish a clinic to offer advice on the side effects of medications prescribed by GPs - MECAC A member of MECAC has asked the Commission to investigate the establishment of advice clinics to inform patients and their families about side effects of certain medications prescribed by GPs.	
	Budget scrutiny - OSCer The Commission will need to undertake annual budget scrutiny in accordance with the Council Constitution.	
	Response to consultations by the local health trusts as part of their annual health check - OSCer Health bodies are required to make a draft declaration to the Healthcare Commission in October and a final declaration in April 2006 on how they are meeting core standards.	

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The costs of implementing the Commission's work plan must be met from the Commission's research budget.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny is of benefit to all Derby people.

Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities

5. This report link to:
 - **Council's Corporate Objectives** of healthy, safe and independent communities
 - **Priorities** of modernising social care