

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Health Overview And Scrutiny Committee

Date of Committee 23rd May 2007

Report Title Annual Report

Summary This report contains the annual report of the Health OSC, summarising the work carried out by the Committee during 2006/07

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

Other Committees

Local Member(s)

Other Elected Members X Cllr Roodhouse, Cllr Forwood, Cllr Haywood

Cabinet Member

Chief Executive

Legal Sarah Duxbury

Finance

Other Chief Officers .David Carter

- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION NONO

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council Annual Report to be presented to Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Health Overview And Scrutiny Committee - 23rd May 2007.

Annual Report

Report of the Chair of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Recommendation

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to agree the annual report of this Committee and for the Annual Report to be referred to Council on 26th June 2007

All Overview and Scrutiny Committees are required to present an Annual Report to the Council, on a rolling programme. The Health Overview and Scrutiny are required to present their Annual Report to the Council on 26th June 2007. The Annual Report for this committee, summarising the work that we have undertaken during 2006/07 and highlighting future areas of work for 2007/08 is attached as Appendix A.

COUNCILLOR JERRY
ROODHOUSE
Chair of Health Overview and
Scrutiny Committee

Shire Hall
Warwick

20 April 2007

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2006/07

Foreword by Cllr Jerry Roodhouse Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It was a busy year in 2006 with the NHS going through many structural changes, which resulted in several public consultations. Also the Council undertook a massive organisational restructure, with 9 Departments being transformed into 6 Directorates. This did impact on the activities planned for 2006, but despite these changes the Committee undertook some important work, which this report summarises.

Over the next 12 months the Committee are planning several reviews, which will aspire to implement the recommendations from the Review of Scrutiny. A member workshop will be held to ensure the work programme is member led, we will endeavour to increase public engagement by holding meetings in community locations and scrutinising issues that really matter to the people of Warwickshire and we will continue to develop and improve by learning from good practice.

There are some significant issues for the Committee to look at during 2007 such as the disbandment of the Patient and Public Involvement Forum (PPIF) to establish the Local Involvement Network (LINKs). The Committee is working with the PPIF members to ensure the existing working good working relationship is maintained, whilst these changes are being made. A successful joint event was held by the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and PPI Forum in January 2007 where the LINKs proposals were considered and suggestions made on how these could be taken forward. A report from this event will be going to Health OSC in May 2007.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge that it would not be possible for the Committee to do its job effectively without support. Therefore I would like to use this opportunity to say "thank you" to the many Officers of the Council that have worked for and supported the Committee during 2006, the NHS Trusts in Warwickshire, other authorities and organisations that have helped with information and advice.

Did you know?

There are six trusts that provide NHS services for Warwickshire residents:

- NHS Warwickshire – Primary Care Trust (are responsible for the healthcare of their residents and commissions hospital and other specialist services such as Health Visiting, Occupational Therapy, etc)
- George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
- South Warwickshire Hospitals NHS Trust (includes Warwick and Stratford Hospitals)
- University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (this includes Rugby St Cross Hospital)
- Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust (this trust provides support for mental health, learning disability and substance misuse)
- West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust (This includes Coventry & Warwickshire, Hereford & Worcestershire, West Midlands including Shropshire. Staffordshire will be joining at a later date. The Trust has appointed Locality Directors to look after parts of the region and there is one for Coventry & Warwickshire).




REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Since 1st January 2003, Warwickshire County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been given the power to scrutinise the services provided by the NHS as part of the Government's commitment to place patients and members of the public in the centre of health services. [The Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Statutory Instrument 2002 No 3048].

The remit of the committee is to review and/or scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services serving Warwickshire. This is to ensure that residents are provided with good quality NHS services within Warwickshire and promote good public health. The committee also make sure that the NHS Trusts in Warwickshire fully engage and consult with the residents when there are proposals to significantly change NHS service provision in their area

There are 17 Councillors on the committee and the membership from 9th May 2006 is as follows:

County Councillors

Jerry Roodhouse (Chair) 	Anne Forwood (Vice Chair) 	Marion Haywood (Spokes) 
and		
John Appleton	Sarah Boad	John Haynes
Bob Hicks	Susan Main	Frank McCarney
Helen McCarthy	Raj Randev	John Ross

District & Borough Councillors

Richard Meredith	North Warwickshire Borough Council
Bill Hancox	Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
Bill Sewell	Rugby Borough Council
Anthony Dixon	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Michael Kinson	Warwick District Council

SUMMARY OF WORK 2006

We have considered and advised on a number of issues throughout the year.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

- NHS Core Standards – Healthcare Commission

POLICY

- Dept. of Health 'Choosing Health: Making Healthier Choices Easier'

IN-DEPTH SCRUTINY

Implementation and Duration of Breastfeeding in Coventry and Warwickshire (joint review with Coventry City Council) - This was a joint review led by Coventry City Council

was completed in April 2006. The outcome from the review was that breastfeeding could be better encouraged and the review made several recommendations to NHS Trusts and Local Authorities on what they could do to help such as providing support and facilities for women returning to work. A copy of the report can be obtained from Coventry City Council's Scrutiny Health Board, telephone 02476 831179.

Dentistry (Phase I) – A panel was set up to look at the new dental contracts out of concerns raised about accessibility and whether there were a sufficient number of NHS dentists in Warwickshire. The review identified that provision in Warwickshire was generally very good, mainly due to the proactive stance taken by the Dental Health Director to encourage dentists to sign up to the new contract. The panel will continue to monitor the progress of the new dental contract and will be reconvening in October 2007.

Mental Health Provision in Warwickshire (Phase II) – this phase looked at mental health provision for younger and older people (including transitional arrangements), equity of access, waiting times, specialist staffing levels, relationship with acute trusts and the proposal to combine the Mental Health Trusts in Coventry and Warwickshire, which would include learning disability. Services for young and adult carers were not originally identified in the scope, but the councillors quickly recognised the importance of ensuring these services continue and are adequately supported. This will be reporting to Health OSC in May 2007)

Coventry and Warwickshire Acute Services Review – In 2006 the Acute Services Review Board conducted a consultation on their proposals for acute services in Coventry and Warwickshire.

Childhood Obesity - In recent decades the proportion of children who are overweight or obese has increased in the UK. The latest Health Survey for England suggests that 15.8% of 2-10 year olds in the West Midlands are obese. Tackling obesity has become a Government priority and a number of actions have been outlined in the delivery plan for Choosing Health: Making Healthier Choices Easier. This review will finish in 2007.

In addition to the reviews the committee has overseen the consultation process for NHS reconfiguration of:

- Strategic Health Authority
- Warwickshire Primary Care Trusts
- Coventry and Warwickshire Ambulance NHS Trust
- Warwickshire Mental Health NHS Trust (now known as Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust)

Plus the consultation on hospital services in Coventry & Warwickshire.

- Coventry & Warwickshire Acute Services Review

Coventry & Warwickshire Acute Services Review

This was a very large piece of work for the committee where many factors around the proposals had to be taken into consideration. The Centre for Public Scrutiny provided an advisor, Maria Duggan, to help the committee consider the implications the proposals could have for the residents of Warwickshire, while Iain Roxburgh from the Warwick Business School was appointed to consider the implications for Warwickshire County Council.

Many NHS representatives from the Acute Trusts were invited to provide information, which enabled the committee to make several important recommendations, which altered how some of the proposals would be implemented.

The committee made 31 recommendations to the Acute Services Review Board and in January 2007 the ASR board accepted 29 of these recommendations. The committee will be looking how these recommendations are being implemented at its meeting on 11th July 2007.

One notable recommendation accepted by ASR board was the recognition that transport provision should also be the responsibility of the NHS. The Board recommended that both Warwickshire County Council and the PCT should jointly commission a piece of work to look at NHS transport provision in Warwickshire. Officers in the Environment and Economy Directorate are already working towards implementing this recommendation and will be contacting NHS Warwickshire.

It has been noted as an example of good practice by the CfPS and they have requested that Warwickshire County Council provide a toolkit for other authorities to follow.



Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considering the proposals from Coventry and Warwickshire Acute Services Review.

The Acute Services Review Board, in January 2007, accepted the majority of the recommendations made by the committee.

FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME 2007

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have a three-year rolling programme and will be scrutinising the following in 2007.

- Cancer Services (Palliative Care)
- Falls Prevention
- Dentistry (Phase II) – a revisit to check the progress of the new dental contracts in Warwickshire

It will also continue with the annual activity:

- Commenting on each Trusts (six in total) declaration on Core Standards to the Healthcare Commission
- Looking at the Primary Care Trust's – Local Delivery Plan

Plus monitoring any suggested changes to NHS provision in Warwickshire and where necessary ensuring adequate consultation takes place.

Finally, we will use the outcomes of the Review of Scrutiny to promote our work and engage with members of the public and key stakeholders with a view to having a positive impact on the delivery of public services in Warwickshire.