

**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
24 JANUARY 2013**

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**WORKING GROUPS UPDATE AND 2013/14 WORK PROGRAMME  
Assistant Chief Executive**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Working Groups of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, and invites members to propose items for inclusion in the Panel's work programme for 2013/14.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel:**

- 2.1 Notes the progress achieved to date by the Panel's Working Groups**  
**2.2 Proposes items for inclusion in the Panel's work programme for 2013/14.**

**3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Health Reforms

- 3.1 The Working Group comprised Councillors Finch (Lead Member), Mrs Angell, and Virgo. It was formed to monitor the implementation of the major changes from the 2010 NHS White Paper and the Health and Social Care Bill, with a particular focus on the transfer of public health responsibilities to the Council. The Working Group had its final meeting 12 October, deciding that future monitoring should be carried out by the Panel.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- 3.2 The Working Group comprised Councillors Virgo (Lead Member), Baily, Finch, and Mrs Temperton; and Mr Pearce. It was formed to make an input to the Council's statutory 'Health and Wellbeing' strategy, and to monitor the creation of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Working Group had its final meeting on 16 November, having provided its views on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

'Shaping the Future' of Health Services in East Berkshire

- 3.3 The Working Group, comprising Councillors Virgo (Lead Member), Finch, Kensall and Mrs Temperton, has met three times, most recently on 4 January 2013. The Group has considered the major consultation by NHS Berkshire (Primary Care Trust) and Heatherwood & Wexham Park Hospitals Trust on 'Shaping the Future' of health services in East Berkshire. This is aimed at reconfiguring healthcare services in response to the changing national and local clinical priorities, with three specific proposals concerning services currently provided from Heatherwood Hospital (although one has already been temporarily suspended). The outcome of this work is a separate agenda item on the Health O&S Panel meeting on 24 January 2013. Meanwhile, the Joint East Berkshire with Buckinghamshire Health O&S Committee has continued to meet on the same topic, most recently on 8 January.

Work Programme

- 3.4 To assist members' consideration of possible items for inclusion in the Panel's work programme for 2013/14, the previously completed reviews are listed on the following page, also the work programme for the current year.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/ ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS/ EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / OTHER OFFICERS/ CONSULTATION – Not applicable**

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**Previously Completed Health Overview and Scrutiny Reviews**

<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Title</b>
November 2005	The Management of Coronary Heart Disease
July 2007	Review of Healthcare Funding
November 2007	Review of the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy
Annually since 2009	Annual Health Check Response to the Healthcare Commission / NHS Trusts
April 2009	Children's Centres and Extended Services in and Around Schools in Bracknell Forest
December 2009	NHS Core Standards
January 2010 (Addendum in 2011)	Review of the Bracknell Healthspace
July 2010	Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies
December 2010	Hospital Car Parking Charges (Joint East Berks Health O&S Committee)
October 2012	Major Health Reforms
November 2012	Health and Wellbeing Strategy
January 2013	'Shaping The Future' NHS Consultation

**2012-13 Health Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme**

<p><b>Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b></p> <p>To contribute to the development of the Council's statutory 'Health and Wellbeing' strategy [Working Group].</p>
<p><b>Policy development and monitoring the implementation of the major changes from the 2012 Health and Social Care Act</b></p> <p>To contribute to the Council's and NHS policy development, and monitor in particular: the transfer of the Public Health responsibilities from the PCT to the Council; the creation of the GP Clinical Commissioning Group, Local HealthWatch and the new Health and Wellbeing Board; and establishing the new arrangements for Health Overview and Scrutiny. [Panel updates and a Working Group]</p>
<p><b>Monitoring the performance and budget of the Berkshire Primary Care Trust and the NHS trusts serving Bracknell Forest</b></p> <p>[Panel updates] Member briefing sessions will be held on Stroke treatment and Mental Health issues, which may in due course lead to focussed reviews.</p>
<p><b>Responding to NHS Consultations</b></p> <p>The Health O&amp;S Panel is a statutory consultee for any substantial variation in NHS services affecting the Borough. A major consultation is expected to occur on 'Shaping the Future', concerning hospital and community health services in East Berkshire. [Working Group]</p>