

**TO: HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
1 OCTOBER 2015**

**2015/16 WORK PROGRAMME
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Panel to consider and agree its Work Programme for 2015/16.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Panel considers and agrees its amended work programme for 2015/16, seeking the approval of the O&S Commission to any changes from the currently agreed programme.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To meet the requirements of the Constitution and to plan the Panel's work for 2015/16.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Panel's currently approved 2015/16 Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1, with proposed changes highlighted. The Constitution requires that there shall be a work programme for O&S, the development and management of which is the responsibility of the O&S Commission.
- 5.2 At its meeting on 2 July 2015, the Panel considered the work programme, and the minutes record, *'The Panel noted the suggested work programme for 2015/16 and agreed that further consideration would be given to the areas that working groups might examine outside the meeting'*
- 5.3 Following the Panel's meeting in July, the Chairman asked Members of the Panel to indicate their preferred choice from a shortlist of five review topics which had been previously put forward. Members' majority preference was to firstly complete the outstanding actions from the Panel's review of the Francis report, and then carry out a review of General Practitioner capacity. The necessary changes to the current work programme are highlighted in Appendix 1.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Not applicable.

Unrestricted

Background Papers

None.

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2015/16 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

The proposed work programme for O&S in 2015/16 is shown on the following pages. The programme is aimed at maintaining a strategic and co-ordinated work programme based on major areas of Council and partner organisations' activity. The review topics take account of what is likely to be timely, relevant, and to add value. The programme incorporates the routine, on-going work of O&S and the completion of reviews currently underway.

The O&S Commission has consulted the O&S Panels, the Council's Corporate Management Team and the Executive on the work programme, as required by the Council's Constitution.

The work programme will necessarily be subject to continual refinement and updating. The 'future possible reviews' are those which are unlikely to be resourced until 2016/17 or later.

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	
1.	<p>Monitoring the performance of the Local NHS Organisations and the Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Department in relation to health</p> <p>To receive an introductory briefing on the Council's role in relation to Health, with reference to the service plan for 2015/16. To include on-going review of the Quarterly Service Reports and monitoring significant developments, particularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Better Care Fund • The Care Act • Improvements at Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals following the acquisition by Frimley Park Hospital Trust • Provision of sufficient GP surgeries to match long-term growth in the Borough's population.
2.	<p>Implementing the new Approach to Health Scrutiny</p> <p>To deliver the new approach to health scrutiny as recommended by the Panel's Working Group on the Francis report. The numerous changes include a specialist member approach and strategically monitoring the performance of the NHS trusts and Clinical Commissioning Group serving Bracknell Forest, with enhanced reference to key information flows.</p>
3.	<p>2016/17 Budget Scrutiny</p> <p>To review the Council's budget proposals for public health in 2016/17, and plans for future years.</p>
4.	<p>Responding to NHS Quality Accounts and Consultations</p> <p>The Health O&S Panel customarily provides comments on the annual Quality Accounts produced by the NHS Trusts nearby, and the Panel is a statutory consultee for any substantial variation in NHS services affecting the Borough.</p>

2015/16 WORKING GROUPS	
Health O&S Panel	<p>None planned</p> <p>Once the new approach to health scrutiny has been implemented:</p> <p>General Practitioner Capacity</p> <p>There are concerns about whether there is enough GP capacity going forward, particularly as the Borough's population is expanding. Issues to explore might include: the impact of no-shows for GP appointments; how our ratio of GPs to 10,000 population compares to other areas; what plans are in place to deal with an expected surge in GP retirements; and how NHS England is ensuring we have enough GP capacity in the right locations.</p>

FUTURE POSSIBLE REVIEWS (Unlikely to be resourced until 2016/17 or later)	
1.	<p>Public Health</p> <p>To review the operation and effectiveness of the pan-Berkshire public health arrangements with other local authorities.</p> <p>To carry out a joint review with other O&S Panels, on the Council's wider actions on the transferred public health (PH) responsibilities. To include the immunisations programme, also integration of the PH function with other council services - such as measures to prevent ill-health and to promote good health, so as to achieve the best overall impact for residents.</p>
2.	<p>The Royal Berkshire Bracknell Healthspace</p> <p>To review the services offered at The Royal Berkshire Bracknell Healthspace (Brants Bridge), including cancer and renal facilities, the Urgent Care Centre and the GP Out of Hours service.</p>