

	Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee 31 January 2018
	Report from the Strategic Director of Policy Performance and Partnerships
Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017-18 Update	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	Three: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017-18 • NHS Estates Letter 6 November Councillor Ketan Sheth • Tracker of Scrutiny Recommendations (updated January 2018)
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017/18 and captures scrutiny activity which has taken place outside of its meetings.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Committee to discuss and note the contents of the report, including changes to the agenda items for each meeting.
- 2.2 To note the details of letters and requests for information, which have taken place outside of the Committee's 2017/18 Work Programme.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed their Work Programme for 2017/18 earlier this year, which is published as Appendix A. The programme sets out what items will be heard at Committee meetings and which items will be looked at task groups. However, the assumption was that it would evolve according to the needs of the Committee, and spare capacity would be left to look at issues as they arise.
- 3.2 For operational reasons it may be necessary to move items to be heard at a particular Committee. In addition, Members and co-opted Members can, at any time, suggest an item to be looked at during a Committee meeting, which provided it is agreed by the chair, would mean the work programme changes.
- 3.3 Chair of the Committee, Councillor Ketan Sheth met with the Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on 5 October to discuss access to GP services in the Borough. The CCG is engaging with stakeholders around proposals to change access offered through the GP Access Hubs in Brent. After discussion with the CCG about the proposals, Councillor Sheth agreed to move the item which had been scheduled for Committee in January 2018 and to arrange a special scrutiny committee meeting to take place on December 6. The special scrutiny meeting, resulted in four recommendations being made – three to the CCG and one to NHS England. The recommendations are in the log set out in Appendix C.
- 3.4 On 6 November Cllr Sheth wrote to the CCG about the Willesden Centre for Health and Care and the use of the buildings by the local voluntary sector – this follows on from the Committee's discussion of NHS estates last year. The letter and response by the Chief Operating Officer has been enclosed in Appendix B.
- 3.5 The Chair of the Committee has contacted the CCG about community cardiology services. The CCG has now announced that the provision of the community cardiology services that runs from Wembley and Willesden Health Centres will come to an end on 28 February 2018. The current providers of the service, the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, have indicated they do not wish to continue to provide the service. Future appointments will now take place at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead.
- 3.6 One substantial change to the Work Programme which should be noted is that in the February Committee there will now be a report about childhood obesity in Brent and a verbal update about tuberculosis.
- 3.7 Members have asked for a log of recommendations to Cabinet and actions and progress with them to be monitored. This is set out in Appendix C.
- 3.8 In summary, the response from Public Health to the recommendations about children's oral health from the meeting in July is that Public Health have commissioned oral health promotion training for health professionals including school nurses, health visitors, maternity staff and GPs, as well as for children's

centre staff. This covers fluoride varnish. Also, a number of actions have been done designed to encourage registration, including discussions with paediatricians at a local hospital about the issue of oral health and how they are able to do to help improve the situation. Health visitors are also being asked to inform pregnant women that they are entitled to free dental treatment. On the specific recommendation about Harlesden, a supervised tooth brushing programme has already been started in response to the high level of need in that area. The programme has been offered to all nurseries and reception classes in schoolchildren aged from two to five.

- 3.9 The Independent Chair of the LSCB has responded to recommendation in the report about Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) discussed in September last year. He has said conversations have taken place with key partners including the North West London Health Trust, Brent CCG and the Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children. They have given him assurances that health partners are active within the borough in promoting and increasing awareness of FGM. To test these assertions, there will be a full discussion at the LSCB meeting on 1 February 2018 which will involve not only health partners, but members of the Board such as Brent Council, education representatives, the Police and other appropriate service providers. In respect of training, the LSCB offered, as part of its multi-agency training programme, FGM awareness sessions in the last nine months, with up to 50 places taken up. The LSCB has secured an additional four FGM sessions to be delivered in 2018 and plans have been developed to conduct these sessions jointly with Harrow LSCB.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 Ward Members who are Members of the Committee have been involved in this report.

REPORT SIGN-OFF

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