



**Northumberland County Council**  
**Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**Work Programme 2017 - 2018**

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

To monitor, review and make recommendations about the following:

- (1) To promote well-being and reduce health inequality, particularly in supporting those people who feel more vulnerable or are at risk
- (2) To discharge the functions conferred by section 21(f) of the Local Government Act 2000 of reviewing and scrutinising, in accordance with regulations under section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001, matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Northumberland
- (3) To take a holistic view of health in order to promote the social, environmental and economic well-being of local people
- (4) To act as a consultee as required by the relevant regulations in respect of those matters on which local NHS bodies must consult the Committee
- (5) To make reports and recommendations to local NHS bodies and the County Council on matters relating to the following services/issues in Northumberland:
  - (a) Adult Care and Social Services
  - (b) Mental Health and emotional wellbeing
  - (c) Financial inclusion and fuel poverty
  - (d) Welfare of vulnerable people
  - (e) Carers' wellbeing
  - (f) Independent living and supported housing
  - (g) Adult Health Services
  - (h) Healthy eating and physical activity
  - (i) Smoking cessation
  - (j) Alcohol and drugs misuse
  - (k) Safeguarding Adults

## ISSUES TO BE SCHEDULED/CONSIDERED

**Regular updates:** Updates on implications of legislation: As required (VB)/ Minutes of Health and Wellbeing Board / notes of the Primary Care Applications Working Party  
Care Quality Accounts/ Ambulance response times  
Procurement Framework for Learning Disability, Mental Health and Autism Services - Update (Annual)

**To be listed:** Maternity Services in Northumberland - Report/Presentation (CCG) (tbc)  
Update on Palliative Care Arrangements (update requested by Care and Wellbeing OSC on 28 March 2017)  
Healthwatch Northumberland  
Update on learning disability funding

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- Mental Health Transformation Programme (report to update on the 2017/18 transformation programme for mental health, to include the dementia care pathway and MH residential care) (CCG)
- Winter and System Resilience Preparedness

16 January 2018

- Ambulance Handovers/Delays/Waiting Times (joint presentation - CCG/NEAS/NHCFT)
- GP Practices in Northumberland: Overview of Access Models (CCG)

20 March 2018

- Northumbria Healthcare Future Priorities and Quality Account 2016/2017 - Presentation
- Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust Future Priorities and Quality Account 2016/2017 - Presentation
- North East Ambulance Service Future Priorities and Quality Account 2016/2017 - Presentation, to include update on new Ambulance Performance Standards

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	27 June 2017	<b>Update on Rothbury Community Hospital - Consultation Process</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report and information be noted.	Further report arranged for the meeting on 17 October 2017
2.	27 June 2017	<b>Director of Public Health - Annual Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (1) the report be noted; (2) support be expressed for the embedding of asset based community development approaches as a means of increasing social capital, improving health and wellbeing and reducing inequalities across the Northumberland; and (3) support be expressed for the micro grants service.	Recommendations of Committee reported to Director of Public Health
3.	25 July 2017	<b>Update on Learning Disabilities Transformation Agenda (update requested by Care and Wellbeing OSC)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (1) the information be noted; and (2) a further report on learning disability funding be requested for a future meeting.	Update on learning disability funding organised for future meeting

		<b>meeting on 28 March 2017)</b>		
4.	25 July 2017	<b>Update on Primary Care Extended Hours Programme - CCG Update (update requested by Care and Wellbeing OSC meeting on 28 March 2017)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (1) the report and information be noted; and (2) a report be produced for a future meeting on details of the 42 GP practices in the county, what booking systems they operated, and information about GP recruitment and retention.	Further report due at the meeting on 18 January 2018
5.	25 July 2017	<b>Northumberland, Tyne &amp; Wear and North Durham STP Joint Health Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (1) agreement be given to the establishment of a Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee under the terms of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to scrutinise the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham (NTWND) STP and associated consultation and engagement plans, as set out in this report; (2) the proposed protocol, terms of reference and membership of the Joint Committee, as appended to this report; be agreed; (3) it be clarified that the powers of this committee will only be delegated to the Joint Committee in the case of proposals for changes to NHS services which would otherwise require NHS bodies to consult with more than one local authority, and that scrutiny of any proposals which materially	Council ratified the Committee's recommendation at their meeting on 6 September 2017. First meeting of the joint committee took place on 13 November 2017 (Councillors Armstrong, Simpson and Watson appointed as Northumberland's representatives)

			<p>affect only services in Northumberland are not delegated, even if they are included in the NTWND STP; and</p> <p>(4) Council be recommended to approve the above recommendations.</p>	
6.	3 October 2017	<b>New Ambulance Performance Standards</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <p>(1) the report be noted, and</p> <p>(2) representations be made to NHS England requesting that it gives consideration to ensuring that its health campaigns are consistent with the new standards, so that the public have realistic expectations of the ambulance service.</p>	Letter sent to NHS England on 10 November 2017
7.	3 October 2017	<b>Joint Children's and Adult Services Complaints Annual Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	No further action; annual report due again in 2018
8.	3 October 2017	<b>Safeguarding Adults Annual Report and Strategy Refresh</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	No further action; members welcomed the report and expressed their support for the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, agreeing that it was important that organisations shared intelligence on the dangers facing vulnerable young people, particularly in respect of sexual exploitation. Members also agreed that the Education Welfare Service had a role in helping to identify those potentially at risk.

9.	3 October 2017	<b>Welfare Rights Annual Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	Members requested that they receive a presentation on the implications of the new system in due course.
10.	17 October 2017	<b>Rothbury Community Hospital</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that, for the following reasons, the proposals be referred to the Secretary of State for Health on behalf of the Council:</p> <p>The Committee voted no to:</p> <p>(1) Are you satisfied that consultation with this Committee in relation to the proposed changes at Rothbury Hospital has been adequate in relation to the content and the time allowed?</p> <p>(2) Do you consider that this proposal would be in the best interests of the health services within Northumberland?</p> <p>For the reasons provided in the minutes of the meeting.</p>	Letter sent to Secretary of State on 23 October 2017. Response awaited from the Secretary of State as of 13 November 2017

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