

# **GERALD DAKIN CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND CRIME REDUCTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee has not met since its meeting on the 7 June 2010. The next meeting is Monday 19 July 2010.

## **Work Programme for the July 2010 Committee Meeting**

### **Older People and Care Closer to Home**

Services provided to older people in the community help avoid hospital admission, reduce the need to receive care and promoting independence. For those people who do need to receive care, there are plans to provide that care closer to their home or in their home. This item will be an opportunity for members to hear more about the services currently available, plans for the future, and how NHS services and council provided services can and do link up.

### **Dementia**

This will be an opportunity for Members to learn about work to implement the Dementia Strategy and take forwards developments in services by the Council, Primary Care Trust and the Independent Care Sector. This topic is identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and a high priority for the Council and Health Partners, particularly with the aging population and the nationally published figure that 1 in 3 people aged over 85 years could have dementia.

### **Member requested additional report**

The Committee have requested a detailed report from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) on changes in the management of the Community Services including Community Hospitals, which the PCT have previously managed.

## **Work programme for September 2010 Committee Meeting**

### **Implementing the Drugs Strategy**

The agenda item will consider the current system of services and treatment; how the provider arm operates (including the Community Substance Misuse Team); the new approach that has been developed and the benefits of that approach.

The Drug Strategy sets out the plans and direction for reducing drug misuse in Shropshire.

There are links across health and social care into Community Safety and crime reduction. This places the topic firmly within the remit of the Committee.

## **Emergency and Urgent Care**

Emergency and Urgent Care links into a range of issues important to local people and communities including:

- A&E provision and timeliness of treatment
- Ambulance availability and ability to respond to emergency calls – turn a round times
- Avoiding unnecessary admissions
- Care closer to home and in local communities e.g. through GP surgeries,
- Discharge from hospital

This topic is of particular interest to all people who use or may need to access health care in an emergency or urgently due their health or the health of someone they care for, whether a child, relative, friend or neighbour. Different elements of this topic have previously been considered in isolation; this will be an opportunity to consider the whole patient experience and the different factors that play into emergency and urgent care.

## **Other news**

- The Committee is waiting to hear about possible changes to NHS services in Shropshire. Previous plans are being revisited by local Health Trusts. The Committee expects there to be formal consultation and will be responding to the proposals, and in doing so working with the Borough of Telford and Wrekin because hospital services are provided across both areas. A similar position exists with proposals to modernised inpatient mental health and community based care, including the redevelopment of Shelton Hospital.
- Members of the Committee have been undertaking visits to the Community hospitals ahead of changes to the management of community services provided by the Primary Care Trust. They are keen to identify current levels of services and issues to ensure that any changes that take place result in maintenance of current services and standards as a minimum.