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**Councillor Gerald Dakin, Chairman
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2013-2014

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This is an overview of the work of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and also covers the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Telford and Wrekin during 2013-14. It also outlines plans for the forthcoming year.
- 1.2 The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee operated under the name 'Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee' up to July 2013. It changed its name at that time, taking on the remit for Adult Social Care in recognition of social care and health services becoming ever more closely integrated and impacting on each other.

2.0 What have we done? – Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

- 2.1 Since May 2013, the Committee has met formally 7 times. Members of the Committee have also met in smaller groups to consider the **Quality Accounts of the NHS Trusts** operating in Shropshire.
- 2.2 The Committee has responded to concerns raised regarding **Continuing Health Care Funding**. Over the course of two meetings the Committee explored issues around who is able to contribute to eligibility decisions, the apparent change in eligibility criteria in the context of an increasing elderly population but apparent reduction of successful applications. The Committee has asked for:
- development of an action plan to address areas of concern;
 - sight of quarterly returns on numbers of successful and unsuccessful applications; it also
 - intends to work with the Health and Wellbeing Board on opportunities the Better Care Fund can offer.

A further status report on Continuing Health Care will be presented to the Committee in the coming year.

2.3 The Committee considered a Call In with regard to **Day Service Reconfiguration** and considered a request to endorse a recommendation for a Commission to look at services to meet the needs of people in Shropshire. The Committee did not support setting aside the original decision or the establishment of a Commission but agreed that it would monitor service implementation and outcomes and hold the Portfolio Holder to account as necessary.

2.4 The Committee has questioned representatives from the **West Midlands Ambulance Service** on:

- the Make Ready System,
- issues around the rural nature of the county
- cross border agreements
- lengthy ambulance response time
- relatively high cost per call out; and
- whether the Longden Road depot was being used inappropriately for emergency responses.

Members of the Committee are now circulated with response time performance data on a monthly basis.

2.5 The Committee considered the extent of the work being undertaken by the **Health and Well Being Board**, particularly in relation to its role in the Better Care Fund and Future fit Programme. A number of development sessions have been held between Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch to explore and define relationships and a Memorandum of Understanding had been drawn up and agreed.

2.6 The Committee carries out regular appraisals on the implications of **the Adult Social Care Bill** for the citizens of Shropshire and for Shropshire Council.

2.7 The Committee considered the findings of a self-assessment of Shropshire's developments against the **National Strategy for Autism**. The Committee was reassured that a diagnostic pathway had been agreed and was now in place and funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group. The Committee explored issues relating to the conclusion of the Independent Living Fund, availability of follow up advice after initial signposting and has requested future performance information on this area.

2.8 The Committee considered proposals put before it by Shropshire CCG regarding a proposed **re-location of the Monkmoor Walk-In Centre** to the site of Accident and Emergency at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The Committee discussed concerns raised around access, parking costs, and disadvantage to those who currently lived in close proximity to the Walk In Centre. The Committee concluded that the clinical benefits would outweigh the disbenefits of the parking issues which could be addressed on a separate timescale. It resolved to support the CCG's proposals on the proviso that a commitment was made to address car parking issues with SATH.

3.0 What are We Planning To Do? Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

3.1 Future work identified includes:

- **Future Fit** - the Committee will receive the options for the locations for the Emergency and Urgent Care Centres. All Members will be invited to this meeting when it is arranged, so that the views of Shropshire Council Members can be reported to a subsequent meeting of the Joint Committee. The Chairman has arranged for a Future Fit Briefing to be provided to any Local Joint Committee that wishes to request one.
- **Annual Safeguarding Report** – The Committee will want to assure itself that all necessary action is being taken to keep people safe.
- **Adult Social Care Bill** – The Committee intends to continue regular appraisals on the implications of the Bill.
- **Integrated Care Strategy** – The Committee will assess success of the pilot and implications for future roll out.
- **Adult Social Care Performance Indicators** - A small Group of Committee Members is currently working with Portfolio Holders and Officers in developing new Adult Social Care Performance Indicators, this group is due to make recommendations to the Committee in December 2014.
- **Day Services Update** – The Committee will scrutinise successes and challenges to date and actions outstanding.
- **Adult Social Care Annual Account** – The Committee intends to scrutinise the report and hear from service users and other contributors to the report.
- **Quality Accounts** – The Committee has requested sight of regular exception reports from NHS Trusts.

4.0 What Have We Done? *Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee*

4.1 The Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Joint HOSC have met formally on 6 occasions and has explored concerns at length and made recommendations around: implementation of the 111 service, temporary co-location of Stroke Services to the Princess Royal Hospital, and Mental Health Services. The Committee has been receiving regular reports from NHS colleagues on plans for the 'Future Fit' Programme and the model of care proposed for Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.

4.2 The model proposes one emergency care centre and a number of urgent care units across the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin area. The Committee has requested further information so it can understand what the proposals will mean for local people and the financial implications. The Committee also requests reports on plans the hospitals have put in place to manage the services currently under pressure.

5.0 What Are We Going To Do? *Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee*

5.1 **Future Fit** - The Committee will continue to scrutinise Future Fit proposals as they develop. The Chairs have requested that the options for the locations of the Emergency Centre and Urgent Care Centres and information about what services will be provided from them is reported to the Committee as soon as possible.

5.2 The Committee is concerned that all sections of the community are provided with the opportunity to give their views at appropriate stages, and that publicity will allow this to happen. Both Chairmen meet regularly with NHS representatives to air concerns as they arise.

- **Mental Health Services** – An update on the review of Community Mental Health Services will be made to a meeting on 29 September 2014.
- **Community Health Services and Primary Health Care** – the Committee wants to ensure that developments in Primary and Community Care are aligned with the Future Fit Programme.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p>
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<p>Reports to Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2013-14</p>
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<p>Human Rights Act Appraisal</p>
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<p>The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998</p>

<p>Environmental Appraisal</p>

<p>There are no environmental issues relating to this report.</p>

<p>Risk Management Appraisal</p>

<p>There are no risks associated with this report.</p>
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<p>Community / Consultations Appraisal</p>

<p>Consultation is a component of Scrutiny work to collect information to support the development of conclusions and recommendations.</p>

<p>Cabinet Member</p>

<p>Councillor Ann Hartley, Councillor Karen Calder, Councillor Lee Chapman</p>
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<p>Local Member</p>

<p>All</p>

<p>Appendices</p>

<p>None</p>
