

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED WORKPROGRAMME 2002/03

Area of work	Topic	Context	Method of Scrutiny
Performance (health)/ public consultation results	Access to Primary Care (Including GPs)	<p>The Sub-committee recognised that this was an important issue to local people as evidenced through consultation findings. It also recognised that in some areas, such as access to GPs, performance against NHS indicators was an issue.</p> <p>The Sub-committee envisages a short information and fact-finding exercise (including gaining a better understanding of NHS performance indicators in this area) that could support further work in this area throughout the year.</p>	<p>One or two meetings.</p> <p><i>Project plan to September meeting</i></p>
Policy development	Services to, and access to services by, Black and other ethnic minority groups	<p>The Sub-committee considered this to be an important issue for the full range of health and social care services, but determined to focus initially on children. A relatively high proportion of Southwark's population is drawn from black and ethnic minority groups and the Census 2001 is likely to confirm that this is a growing trend and also that there is an increasing ethnic diversity in the population.</p> <p>This work will be able to support, and feed into, the Council's delivery of the Race Equality Scheme (RES).</p>	<p>In-depth review.</p> <p>Also by pursuing theme throughout the Sub-committees work programme — including its role in pre and post best value work.</p>
Performance/ policy development	Delayed Transfers of Care	<p>'Delayed transfers of care' is a focus of national as well as local policy. The sub-committee considered that a useful role for scrutiny would be to undertake visits and to hear issues from those involved in the delivery of services and service users.</p> <p>The Sub-committee also noted that, in respect of older people, delayed transfers of care had to be seen in the context of care pathways and that there was scope to contribute to the Best Value Review of older people's services.</p>	<p>Primarily visit based, but also contributing to the older people's services BV review.</p>
Performance/ policy development	Domiciliary care and carers.	<p>The sub-committee noted that, particularly in the area of informal carers, this was a performance issue that had been highlighted in the SSI Annual Performance Letter.</p> <p>A Domiciliary Care Strategy is currently being developed and is due in October 2002.</p>	<p>Report from officers on key issues (Oct/Nov) will inform approach.</p>
Policy development	Modernising Day Care Services	<p>Modernisation leading to service reconfiguration with implications for the community.</p> <p>It is expected that this issue will be considered by the Executive in late September/early October</p>	<p>Short pre-decision scrutiny</p>

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Call In of Decisions;
Member requests for Scrutiny;
Community requests for Scrutiny;
Annual meeting with Executive Member.**