

**Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee Meeting
17 June 2003
Developing a Work programme for 2003/04**

The aim of the meeting is to agree a work programme for 2003/04.

This paper draws on the material provided for the Sub-committee's meeting on 29 April 2003 and the outcome of the Meeting of Overview and Scrutiny on 9 June 2003. It sets out a draft work programme for 2003/04 focusing on:

- the reason for the choosing the theme;
- some of the key issues that might be considered in each review; and
- linked processes that scrutiny is seeking to influence
- the timeframe for reviews

Outcome from the Health And Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee meeting on 29th April

The Health and Social Care scrutiny Sub-committee met on 29th April 2003 to begin the process of agreeing a work programme for 2003/04. At that meeting it received presentations on:

- Key issues of public health (Dr Alan Maryon Davis from Southwark Primary Care Trust)
- Emerging issues from NHS hospital Trusts; and
- Services to children, with a focus on children from Black and other minority ethnic groups

A number of issues emerged from the presentations and from the discussions that followed. The Sub-committee agreed that there were three policy development issues that it would consider reviewing in the coming year:

- **Sexual health and Teenage Pregnancy**
- **Intermediate care**
- **The welfare of Children looked after**

All three areas enable the Sub-committee to explore issues which are:

- important to service users;
- national and local priorities; and which
- involve a range of providers in delivering services in partnership

Additional Items for the work programme

Modernising Day Care

The Sub-committee's recommendations on Modernising Day Care, as amended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, were adopted by the Executive at its meeting on 22 April. This has implications for the Sub-committee's future work programme.

It is now expected that the Social Services Department will report back to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee on

Report	Indicative timetable	Comments
Details of future day care provision	End of July	
Interim assessment of the Impact of day centre closure on older people	End of July	Work undertaken through the Older People's Partnership Board
Final assessment of the Impact of day centre closure on older people	End of October	
How the Council will meet the needs of those ineligible for services following community care assessments through other Council services	End of October	

Health Consultation

Local health bodies have a duty to consult with local scrutiny committees on substantial variations and developments in service delivery. In establishing its work programme the Sub-committee might want to build in some flexibility in order to have the capacity to respond to any such consultation processes

Outcome from the OSC meeting on 9th June

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 9th and considered issues for sub-committee work programmes. It noted the work that had already been done in developing a future work programme for health and social care and endorsed the broad themes outlined in this paper.

Outline work programme

The indicative timetable for the Health and social care sub-committee is outlined below

Meeting	Purpose
17 June	Agreeing work programme
30 July	Modernising Day Care Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy
24 Sept	Sexual Health and teenage pregnancy
22 Oct	Sexual Health and teenage pregnancy Modernising
12 Nov	Welfare of children looked after (Executive Member) Performance review
17 Dec	Welfare of children looked after Intermediate Care
21 Jan	Intermediate Care
25 Feb	Intermediate Care
16 March	
21 April	
18 May	

Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy

Timeframe	Theme	Reasons for considering theme	Issues	Style of inquiry: visits Discussions with practitioners and users and key agencies		Sub-committee Recommendations influencing:	Background documents
				Participants	Options for visits		
30 July to 22 Oct	Sexual Health and teenage Pregnancy	Sexual health and teenage pregnancy are important issues of public health for Southwark. Teenage pregnancy remains high despite the significant efforts that have been made by relevant agencies to address this issue. In addition, Southwark has an increasing level of new diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections.	<p>Access to services by young people (issues of convenience, opening times, waiting, etc)</p> <p>Appropriateness of services (meeting needs?)</p> <p>Are services joined-up: e.g. hospital-based genitourinary clinics for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and community-based family planning services</p> <p>Education (issues of effectiveness and cultural sensitivity)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCT • Social Services • Education • Social inclusion unit • Health First • Healthier Schools Partnership • Brook Advisory Centre <p>Advisors/specialist witnesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Wellings, London School of Hygiene • Paula Baraitser, Research Fellow • Dr Caroline Bradbeer, Genitourinary Physician, Guy's & St Thomas' 	<p>Brook Advisory Centre</p> <p>Peckham Pulse drop-in project for 15-16 year olds</p> <p>A Southwark School to see Healthier Schools Partnership education initiative in operation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Renewal Review and Monitoring • Future development of Local Development Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy Strategy • Southwark's Teenage Pregnancy Strategy • Local Development Plan

The welfare of Children looked after

Timeframe	Theme	Reasons for Considering theme	Issues	Style: Performance review with Exec Members		Recommendations influencing	Background documents
				Participants	Options for visits		
22 Oct to 17 Dec	The Welfare of Children looked After	<p>'Services to children' is a local priority and is also an issue high on the national agenda.</p> <p>Southwark's performance in delivering services to children looked after is generally good as measured by Department of Health Performance Assessment Framework indicators.</p> <p>Areas for improvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational attainment • Final warnings and Convictions of Children looked after <p>Employment education and training of care leavers</p>	<p>Partnership working and co-ordination of services</p> <p>Proportion of children placed outside the borough is relatively high (over 50%). This means a co-ordination of a larger number of agencies .</p> <p>Educational Attainment of children looked after.</p> <p>The needs of children from Black and Minority ethnic communities including unaccompanied asylum seekers</p> <p>Health of children looked after</p> <p>Improving rates of adoption</p>	<p>Corporate parenting panel (meets quarterly)</p> <p>Opportunity for joint sessions with the Education, Youth and Leisure</p> <p>Performance review with Exec member for health and Social Care (Education and Youth)</p> <p>YOT team</p> <p>Asylum Seekers Team</p>	<p>Schools: meeting with designated teachers</p> <p>Residential homes</p>	<p>Children and young people strategic plan (to Committee in September annually reviewed)</p> <p>Delivery and improvement statement (performance report to dept of health) includes implementation of Leavers Care Act</p> <p>Business planning O4/07 (influencing business plans by 5 Dec)</p> <p>Youth Justice Plan O4/05</p>	<p>Business plans</p> <p>Youth Justice Plan</p> <p>Educational Development Plan</p>

Intermediate care

Timeframe	Theme	Reasons for considering theme	Issues	Participants	Options for visits	Links	Background documents
17 Dec to 21 Feb	Intermediate care	<p>Intermediate care is a key element of the National Service Framework for Older People's services. Its aim is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help people avoid an unnecessary hospital admission • to speed recovery and rehabilitation • enable early discharge from hospital and • prevent premature or unnecessary admission to long-term residential care. <p>The delivery of good intermediate care services is dependent on effective partnership working, including primary and secondary health care, health and social care, the statutory and independent sectors.</p>	<p>The role of intermediate care in supporting adults to live in their own home</p> <p>The role of intermediate care in reducing delayed transfers of care from acute care</p> <p>Effectiveness of the partnership working</p> <p>Proposed Intermediate care provision at Dulwich Community Hospital</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Trusts • PCT • Social Services • Southwark • Community Care Forum 	tba	Strategy and three year action plan for improving intermediate care	National Service Framework for older People Intermediate Care Guidance Local Development Plan

