



To: Members of the Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

Notice of a Meeting of the Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 9 September 2009 at 10.00 am

County Hall

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Deputy Chairman - Councillor Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor

Councillors

Arash Fatemian
Jenny Hannaby
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Anthony Gearing
Sarah Hutchinson
Alan Thompson

Tim Hallchurch MBE
Larry Sanders

Notes:

- **Date of next meeting: 15 October 2009**

Declarations of Interest

This note briefly summarises the position on interests which you must declare at the meeting. Please refer to the Members' Code of Conduct in Section DD of the Constitution for a fuller description.

The duty to declare ...

You must always declare any "personal interest" in a matter under consideration, ie where the matter affects (either positively or negatively):

- (i) any of the financial and other interests which you are required to notify for inclusion in the statutory Register of Members' Interests; or
- (ii) your own well-being or financial position or that of any member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association more than it would affect other people in the County.

Whose interests are included ...

"Member of your family" in (ii) above includes spouses and partners and other relatives' spouses and partners, and extends to the employment and investment interests of relatives and friends and their involvement in other bodies of various descriptions. For a full list of what "relative" covers, please see the Code of Conduct.

When and what to declare ...

The best time to make any declaration is under the agenda item "Declarations of Interest". Under the Code you must declare not later than at the start of the item concerned or (if different) as soon as the interest "becomes apparent".

In making a declaration you must state the nature of the interest.

Taking part if you have an interest ...

Having made a declaration you may still take part in the debate and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a "prejudicial" interest.

"Prejudicial" interests ...

A prejudicial interest is one which a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would think so significant as to be likely to affect your judgment of the public interest.

What to do if your interest is prejudicial ...

If you have a prejudicial interest in any matter under consideration, you may remain in the room but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter under consideration, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

Exceptions ...

There are a few circumstances where you may regard yourself as not having a prejudicial interest or may participate even though you may have one. These, together with other rules about participation in the case of a prejudicial interest, are set out in paragraphs 10 – 12 of the Code.

Seeking Advice ...

It is your responsibility to decide whether any of these provisions apply to you in particular circumstances, but you may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

AGENDA

9. Annual Scrutiny Work Programme September 2009 - July 2010 (Pages 1 - 36)

12:30

Contact: Desmond Fitzgerald, Policy and Review Officer, (01865 810477)

The proposed scrutiny work programme consists of ideas generated by members, officers and the public. Each idea has been assessed against the criteria outlined in the proposal form. This includes an analysis of how the proposed review relates to the council's strategic priorities, its current performance in this area and whether it is an area where scrutiny can contribute to upstream policy development. The proposed reviews were discussed with the relevant directors or heads of service and their comments are included on the proposal form for members to consider.

Members are asked to consider the proposals relevant to their committee (**AS9 – to follow**) and to decide which work they wish to undertake and with what priority.

The Committee is asked to identify its priorities for its work programme, including its first choice activity.

Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Date Not Specified at Time Not Specified** for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Opposition Group Spokesman.

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ITEM AS9

ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

Proposals for Items to be considered by the Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

1. This document lists proposals that have been made for items to be considered by the Adult Services Scrutiny Committee; potential items have been suggested by both Committee Members and responsible officers.
2. These forms are proposals only: all decisions on what items are to be pursued, and in what form they are to be pursued, are entirely in the hands of the members of the Adult Services Scrutiny Committee.
3. In compiling these forms, Officers from the Corporate Performance and Review Team, part of the Policy Unit in Corporate Core, have engaged in a consultation exercise with both members and Heads of Service within the relevant Directorate.
4. Specifically, and in view of the fact that Heads of Service will now be responsible for leading on specific items, officers have sought to establish where suggested items have clearly aligned with established Directorate and Corporate Priorities – as well as assessing those items relationships to the Local Area Agreement, the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Corporate Performance Assessment.
5. Officers have also considered the resource commitment specific to each item, and, on that basis, have proposed a hierarchy of priority with a view to utilising available resources as effectively and efficiently as possible.
6. For each item, officers have made one of four recommendations: that the committee consider the item in a Question & Answer Session, that the Committee consider the item in a Select Committee format, the Committee conduct a Review on the item, or that the committee not consider the item within the current work-programme.
7. Unless there is a particular reason to act otherwise, it is also proposed that items only go for 'Review' once the possibilities of the less resource-intensive 'Question & Answer' and 'Select Committee' Formats have been exhausted.

Members are asked to consider the following proposal forms, and then to decide on each item's position in the work programme accordingly.

Summary of Proposals

Item	Recommended Approach	Brief Explanation for Recommendation
Duty to Involve	Select Committee	Identified as a Directorate and Corporate priority.
Dementia	Select Committee	Identified as a Committee Priority, and a Directorate and Corporate priority.
Transforming adult social care	Working Group	Identified as a Committee Priority, and a Directorate and Corporate priority.
Green paper on care and support	Question and Answer Session	Identified as a Committee Priority, and a Directorate and Corporate priority.
Telecare	Question and Answer Session	Identified as a Committee Priority.
Carers strategy	Not prioritised in the current work-programme.	Not identified as a priority for this session.
Partnership-working with health	Not prioritised in the current work-programme.	Not identified as a priority for this session.
Domiciliary care	Not prioritised in the current work-programme.	Inspections are due to take place in October
Autism	Not prioritised in the current work-programme.	Officers are awaiting the outcome of a needs assessment.
Demographic Change	Not prioritised in the current work-programme.	Not identified as a priority for this session.

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Duty to Involve

1. Who raised this issue?

John Jackson, Director of Social and Community Services (SCS)

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To assess the progress of the 'Duty to Involve' agenda within SCS, once a programme is underway.

3. Recommended Approach

Select Committee

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Service-users and carers.

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

John Jackson, Director, SCS
Sara Livadeas, Assistant head of Service, Strategy and Transformation, SCS

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

'Healthy and Thriving Communities' and 'Better Public Services.'

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

Healthy and Thriving Communities

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 5: Overall/general satisfaction with local area CLG

NI 140: Fair Treatment by local Services

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

'Duty to Involve' is not specifically mentioned, though the assessment notes that 'extensive consultation and engagement with local people means the Council's ambitions are based on local need.'

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate's business plan?

Yes, the plan has a strategic aim to 'provide services that are modern, efficient and developed through engagement with service users and their carers.'

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

Officers from the Strategy and Transformation team are engaged in work with service users and carers to consider ways to implement the 'duty to involve,' and to develop the ways that decision-making is opened up to service-users.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

The committee could add an independent assessment of the Directorate's work on implementing this important new statutory requirement.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

Officer-time to produce and circulate a short paper; time for the committee to carefully read and consider the paper, and to conduct a select committee session at a committee meeting.

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

A select committee item on dementia would form a significant part of the committee's work programme, and would need to be prioritised accordingly

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Dementia

1. Who raised this issue?

John Jackson, Director of Social and Community Services (SCS)

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To consider the ways that services for people with dementia are to be taken forward in light of the National Dementia Strategy, *Living Well with Dementia* (published in February 2009), with particular reference to joint commissioning.

3. Recommended Approach

Select Committee.

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

John Jackson, Director, SCS
Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care, SCS

Varsha Raja, Head of Strategic Commissioning, SCS

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities,’ and ‘Better Public Services.’

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities.’

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 141: Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

NI 135: Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer’s service, or advice and information

NI 131: Delayed transfers of care (DTC) from hospitals

NI 140: Fair Treatment by local Services

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

This issue was not specifically referred to in the CPA, although, in its conclusions on ‘older people,’ the assessment does note that ‘the Council is working with partners to ensure that its adult care services meet the future needs of the population.’ Social Care for Adults was overall rated 3 (on a 4-point scale).

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate’s business plan?

Yes, the plan identifies a need to ‘further develop service to meet the

increased demand for Early Intervention/Prevention Services and respond to the dementia strategy.’

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

Officers are currently considering the impact of the national strategy on joint commissioning.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

At a minimum, the committee could receive an update on progress to date, and provide an informed challenge on proposals to take the strategy forward within Oxfordshire.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

The Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

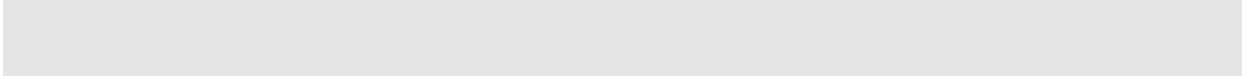
14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

In the short-term, officer-time to produce and circulate a short paper; time for the committee to carefully read and consider the paper, and to conduct a select committee session at a committee meeting.

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

A select committee item on dementia would form a significant part of the committee’s work programme, and would need to be prioritised accordingly

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee



Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Transforming Adult Social Care

1. Who raised this issue?

John Jackson, Director of Social and Community Services (SCS)

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To provide an independent challenge, and add value to, one of the Directorate's largest programmes.

3. Recommended Approach

Working Group (Existing)

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

John Jackson, Director, SCS

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities’ and ‘Better Public Services.’

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

Healthy and Thriving Communities

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 5: Overall/general satisfaction with local area

NI 140: Fair Treatment by local Services

NI 141 Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

‘Transforming Adult Social Care’ was not specifically mentioned, though the assessment does mention the Directorate’s developing work on maximising independence.

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate’s business plan?

Yes, the Plan has a strategic aim of promoting choice and control for service users.

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

Transforming Adult Social Care is an ongoing major piece of work in the Directorate.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

The committee could add an independent assessment of the Directorate's work on this major piece of work.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

Officer-time to prepare and give a regular update; committee time to receive the update; time for members to attend the working-group.

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

As a regular item on the committee's agenda, this would take up significant resources, and need to be prioritised accordingly.

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Green Paper on Care and Support

1. Who raised this issue?

John Jackson, Director, Social and Community Services

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To consider the possibilities for the future provision of Adult Care identified in the Central Government's Green Paper on Care and Support, *Shaping the Future of Care Together*, (which sets out options identified by the Government for the establishment and funding of a National Care Service), and for the committee to then consider making a contribution to the consultation on the Green Paper (the consultation period ends on November 13th, 2009).

3. Recommended Approach

Question and Answer Session

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT); Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

John Jackson, Director, Social and Community Services
Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care, Social and Community Services
Varsha Raja, Head of Strategic Commissioning, Social and Community Services

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

'Healthy and Thriving Communities,' and 'Better Public Services.'

8. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

'Healthy and Thriving Communities.'

9. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

n/a

10. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

n/a

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate's business plan?

n/a

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

The Green Paper is currently under consideration by officers in Social and

Community Services.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

The committee could provide an independent challenge to the way that officers from SCS are thinking about the options outlined in the Green paper; the committee could also consider making a contribution to the public consultation in its own right.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

The Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

In the short-term, officer-time to produce and circulate a short briefing paper on the Green Paper; time for the committee to read and consider the paper, and to conduct a question-and-answer session at a committee meeting; also potentially some time thereafter, for both officers and members, to put together a 'committee response' to the Paper.

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

Given the short time available, this work would need to be done quickly, and would not be one of the major pieces of work undertaken by the committee.

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Telecare and Telehealth

1. Who raised this issue?

Cllr Don Seale, Chairman of the Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To assess developments in Telecare within Adult Services with particular reference to the pilot of the 'telehealth' programme.

3. Recommended Approach

Possible Question and Answer Session, time allowing.

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care, Social and Community Services (SCS)
Varsha Raja, Head of Strategic Commissioning, SCS

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities,’ ‘Better Public Services’ and ‘Environment and Climate Change.’

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities’ and ‘Environment and Climate Change.’

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 141: Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

NI 131: Delayed transfers of care from hospitals

NI 185: CO2 reduction from Local Authority Operations

NI 188: Adapting to climate change

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

With particular reference to ‘telecare’ and ‘telehealth,’ the assessment noted that ‘the Council is working with partners to ensure that its adult care services meet the future needs of the population.’ The Care Quality Commission (CQC) noted ‘a steady increase in the number of telecare installations.’

Concurrent Work

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate’s business plan?

Under Strategic Aim 6, ‘Provide services that are modern, efficient and developed through engagement with service users and their carers,’ the plan identifies ‘extending Telecare to all parts of the County’ as a key part of its modernisation programme.

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

A pilot project, modelled on the broad ‘telehealth’ project run by Kent County Council (in which technology is used to monitor some vital signs remotely, etc.), is currently in the planning stages.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

In advance of the pilot’s taking place, it would be difficult for the committee to add a great deal of value, other than being informed of the project and, if appropriate, expressing its interest and support.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

The Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

In the short-term, officer-time to produce and circulate a short briefing paper on the pilot; time for the committee to read and consider the paper, and to conduct a question-and-answer session at a committee meeting,

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

This item would have some impact on the committee’s capacity to focus on other priorities.

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

The Oxfordshire Carers' Strategy

1. Who raised this issue?

John Jackson, Director of Social and Community Services

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To consider whether or not partnership-working is progressing well enough for Social and Community Services to effectively deliver its responsibilities under the national strategy, *Carers at the heart of 21st Century families and communities*, framed within the Oxfordshire Carers' Strategy.

3. Recommended Approach

Not scrutinised in this session.

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Partnership

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care, Social and Community Services
John Pearce, Strategic Commissioning, Social and Community Services

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities’ and ‘Better Public Services.’

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities’

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 135 Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer’s service, or advice and information

NI 141: Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

NI 140: Fair Treatment by local Services

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

Social Care for Adults was overall rated 3 (on a 4-point scale) in the most recent assessment. While the assessment did not directly discuss the issue of adult carers, it did note, more generally, that ‘partnership working with the local health community is good and effective.’

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate’s business plan?

‘Provid[ing] services that are modern, efficient and developed through engagement

with service users and their carers' is a core strategic aim of the directorate plan. Further, 'support for carers' is a central aspect of the directorate's strategic aim of maximising independence, and to be partly achieved through delivery of the directorate's responsibilities under the National Carers' Strategy, framed within the Oxfordshire Carers' Strategy, 2009-2012.

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

Officers from Social and Community Services are currently working towards delivery of the Oxfordshire Carers' Strategy.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

The Committee might consider issues around the arrangements for joint commissioning under the new strategy.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

The Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

Officer-time from SCS to produce and circulate a short paper on the issue; time for the committee to read and consider the paper, and to conduct a question-and-answer session at a committee meeting. It might also involve considerable commitment from the PCT, and time to arrange that commitment.

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

This issue may take on significant size, and potentially have a large impact on the work programme.

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Partnership-working with health

1. Who raised this issue?

John Jackson, Director, Social and Community Services

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

Consider proposals to implement the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board's agreement to establish a joint commissioning team for older adults,

3. Recommended Approach

Not prioritised in the current work programme.

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

John Jackson, Director, SCS
Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care, SCS
Sara Livadeas, Assistant Head of Service, Strategy and Transformation, SCS

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities,’ and ‘Better Public Services.’

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

‘Healthy and Thriving Communities.’

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 140: Fair Treatment by local services

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

The assessment noted, in 2007, that ‘partnership working with the local health community is good and effective after a period of rapid change within the NHS.’

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate’s business plan?

The plan notes that ‘partnership working with the local health community is good and effective.’

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

Proposals are being put together to implement the agreement to establish a joint commissioning team for older adults.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

The Committee could provide an independent challenge to the Directorate's proposals.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

The Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

The Oxfordshire Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee

14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

This item would require officer-time to produce and circulate a short paper; time for the committee to read and consider the paper, and to conduct a question-and-answer session at a committee meeting, with a view to identifying new areas.

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

Allocating resources to this topic would have a considerable impact on other priorities.

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Domiciliary Care

1. Who raised this issue?

Cllr Don Seale, Chairman of the Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

On foot of a BBC 'Panorama' programme, 'Britain's Homecare Scandal,' broadcast on Thursday April 9th 2009, the purpose is to consider whether similar issues may affect domiciliary care services in Oxfordshire.

3. Recommended Approach

Not prioritised in the current work-programme.

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Independent care-providing agencies.

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care, Oxfordshire County Council
Angela Bradford, Home Support Manager, Oxfordshire County Council

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

'Healthy and Thriving Communities' and 'Better Public Services.'

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

'Healthy and Thriving Communities'

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 141: Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

NI 131: Delayed transfers of care (DTC) from hospitals

NI 140: Fair Treatment by local Services

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

Social Care for Adult was overall rated 3 (on a 4-point scale) in the most recent assessment. The assessment also commented that 'the Council is working with partners to ensure that its adult care services meet the future needs of the population,' and that services are 'enabling people to stay independent in their own homes longer.'

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate's business plan?

This issue is not directly identified, but the plan does discuss 're-shaping the supply market' for adult care.

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

Relevant services were recently inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC); this service is also to be inspected in mid-October 2009 as part of the Health and Safety Executive Inspection of Oxfordshire; staff at all levels of the service will be interviewed as

part of the process.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

While other authorities (the Care Quality Commission and the Health and Safety Executive) are undertaking inspection of the relevant services, there may not be much scope for the committee to add value.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

The Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

Officer-time to produce and circulate a short paper on the issue; time for the committee to read and consider the paper, and to conduct a question-and-answer session at a committee meeting,

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

Allocating resources to this topic would have a considerable impact on other priorities.

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Services for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

Introduction

1. Who raised this issue?

John Jackson, Director of Social and Community Services (SCS)

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To consider whether or not sufficient services are in place for adults who have received diagnoses that place them on the autism spectrum.

3. Recommended Approach

Not prioritised in the current work-programme.

Section 2 : To be completed by the Scrutiny Team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Partnership

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

Fenella Trevillion, Pool Manger for Mental Health, Oxfordshire PCT

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

'Healthy and Thriving Communities'

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

'Healthy and Thriving Communities' and 'Reducing Inequalities.'

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 141: Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

NI 140: Fair Treatment by local Services

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

The issue was not specifically addressed in the most recent CPA; Social Care for Adults was overall rated 3 (on a 4-point scale).

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Has this issue identified in the relevant directorate's business plan?

No, but 'supported living for people with a disability', is a key strategic aim of the plan.

11. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

Fenella Trevillion, pool manager for Mental Health with Oxfordshire PCT and Ann Nursey, pool manager for Learning Disability at Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), are in the process of commissioning a 'needs assessment' on this issue, which is unlikely to be completed before May 2010.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

In advance of the 'needs assessment,' it is unlikely that the committee can significantly add value to this work.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

The Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

Officer-time to produce and circulate a short paper on the issue; time for the committee to read and consider the paper, and to conduct a question-and-answer session at a committee meeting,

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

Allocating resources to this topic would have a considerable impact on other priorities.

Decision of scrutiny committee

Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Demographic Change

1. Who raised this issue?

John Jackson: Director, Social and Community Services; Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To consider whether current high-level initiatives will successfully address the issue of demographic change.

3. Recommended Approach

Not prioritised in the current work-programme.

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Partnership

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this scrutiny item?

John Jackson: Director, Social and Community Services.
Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care, Social and Community Services
Nick Welch, Head of Major Programmes, Social and Community services

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this scrutiny item address?

‘Healthy and thriving communities’ and ‘Better public services.’

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this item address?

‘Healthy and thriving communities’ and ‘reducing inequalities.’

8. Which Local Area Agreement target would this item address and how are we currently performing against this target (if applicable)?

NI 141: Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

NI 140: Fair Treatment by local services

NI 131: Delayed transfers of care from hospitals

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

Social Care for Adults was overall rated 3 (on a 4-point scale). The CPA noted that ‘there is a comprehensive framework of strategies and services in place for older people and a strategic approach involving key partners for the growing elderly population which is designed to promote independent living and well-being. The Council is starting to develop its strategies for those people aged between 50 years and 65 years that goes beyond their health and social care needs. The recent Commission for Social Care Inspection rated the Council as ‘two-star’ with promising prospects for improvement.’

CONCURRENT WORK

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate’s business plan?

The plan notes: ‘With growing demand on services, through increased demographic pressures, we are committed to developing services which will be universally available and will support people remaining independent for as long as possible.’

10. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

A high-level 'ageing successfully' strategy was agreed by the Health and Wellbeing partnership Board in March 2009.

12. What value would the scrutiny committee add to this work?

The committee could consider an initiative such as the 'ageing successfully' strategy, to form an opinion on whether the strategy is making a significant contribution to the issue of demographic change.

RESOURCES

13. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

Adult Services Scrutiny Committee.

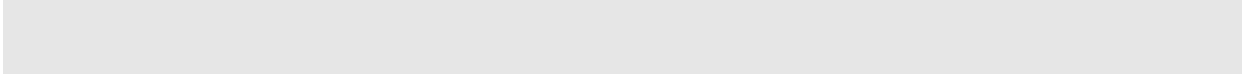
14. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively scrutinise the item?

Sufficient officer-time to prepare a short report; time for officers, including officers from partner organisations, to attend committee on a given date; time for member to read and carefully consider the report in advance.

15. What impact would allocating resources to this item have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

Allocating resources to this topic would have a considerable impact on other priorities.

Decision of relevant Scrutiny Committee



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