

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee****28 November 2019**

Work Programme Report

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The committee has agreed the attached work programme (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The report gives members the opportunity to be updated on work programme items and review the shape of the work ahead.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The scope of this committee is defined as: 'The needs of vulnerable adults and older people and people whose independence needs to be supported by intervention from the public or voluntary sector.'

3.0 Scheduled Committee dates/Mid-Cycle Briefing dates

- 3.1 The new calendar of meetings was tabled at the November council meeting. Here are the relevant dates for this committee.

Committee meetings

- Thursday 5 March 2020 at 10am
- Thursday 25 June 2020 at 10am
- Thursday 24 September 2020 at 10am
- Thursday 3 December 2019 at 10am
- Thursday 4 March 2021 at 10am

Mid cycle briefing dates

- Thursday 13 February 2020 at 10am
- Thursday 7 May 2019 2020 at 10am
- Thursday 23 July 2020 at 10am
- Thursday 29 October 2020 at 10am
- Thursday 4 February 2021

4.0 Suicide Prevention and Audit

- 4.1 The chairman and group spokespersons have agreed to follow up the briefing they received on Suicide Prevention and Audit at their mid cycle briefing with an interactive session for all the committee members. The intention is to close this committee meeting off early - it's a short agenda - and go straight into informal session for about an hour, starting around 11.30am

5.0 Strategic Framework for Tackling Loneliness in North Yorkshire.

- 5.1 In the middle of last year, Community First were tasked with producing a North Yorkshire wide Strategy to Tackle Loneliness.
- 5.2 Partners and agencies have now been invited to review and feedback on two strategic frameworks for preventing and tackling loneliness in North Yorkshire.
- 5.3 One is a county-wide framework which has been developed as part of The Loneliness Campaign, a project funded through the National Lottery Community Fund, North Yorkshire County Council and Defra to help support and inspire more local action to 'turbo charge' the county's response to tackling loneliness.
- 5.4 The other is a strategy developed at district level through a project funded by West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Care Partnership. This is specific to the Harrogate area and takes a localised approach to tackling loneliness in Harrogate, Ripon and beyond.
- 5.5 You can view both frameworks and give your feedback by clicking the links below:

[TLC County-Wide Strategic Framework Consultation](#)

[Harrogate Strategic Framework Consultation](#)

- 5.6 The consultation for both strategies is open until midnight on Sunday 1 December 2019.

6.0 Social Prescribing

- 6.1 Group spokespersons have agreed an outline approach for a piece of scrutiny work on Social Prescribing. Current thinking is that this will be first considered as a substantive item at your 5 March 2020 committee meeting.
- 6.2 Leah Swain (Community First) has agreed to lead the discussion assisted by VCS Health Partnership Manager, Dewi Winkle, who is getting a county wide picture of approaches to social prescribing.
- 6.3 Social prescribing, sometimes referred to as community referral, is a means of enabling GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services.
- 6.4 Recognising that people's health is determined primarily by a range of social, economic and environmental factors, social prescribing seeks to address people's needs in a holistic way. It also aims to support individuals to take greater control of their own health.
- 6.5 Social prescribing schemes can involve a variety of activities which are typically provided by voluntary and community sector organisations. Examples include volunteering, arts activities, group learning, gardening, befriending, cookery, healthy eating advice and a range of sports.

- 6.6 There are many different models for social prescribing, but most involve a link worker or navigator who works with people to access local sources of support.
- 6.7 Group spokespersons believe the following are the key points that should be covered:
- The extent of social prescribing in NY
 - Link work, arrangements and protocols between the prescriber and the prescription
 - Who are the partners and organisations currently involved in the development and provision of social prescribing services?
 - What types of activities and interventions are provided, and how many people are being referred?
 - What types of problems is social prescribing commonly used for?
 - Which groups of people tend to be most commonly referred?
 - What is the potential for expanding social prescribing? For which problems and groups of people could it play more of a role?
 - What further partners and organisations could be involved in the development and provision of social prescribing?
 - What is the capacity of local partners and organisations to provide these and more services? What challenges are they facing?
 - The effectiveness of social prescribing so far - the NY experience compared
 - For which problems and groups of people has social prescribing been used most effectively?
 - How are the outcomes of activities and interventions captured and measured?
 - How is the effectiveness and efficiency of social prescribing schemes evaluated?
 - The gaps in social prescribing coverage - is the whole community being considered.
- 6.8 Depending on the level of interest, afterwards there might be some benefit in members holding a series of less formal conversations with VCS organisations involved in the provision of or referral to activities about what they are doing, how they are getting on, and so on.

7.0 Annual Safeguarding Board Report

- 7.1 On the 18 November members met with Dr Sue Proctor, Independent Chair of the North Yorkshire Adults Safeguarding Board.
- 7.2 All councillors share a responsibility in relation to safeguarding. Reviewing the Board's Annual Report is one way you meet your specific scrutiny responsibilities to ensure that vulnerable adults are safeguarded and that the Council and its partners are discharging their statutory duties in relation to safeguarding effectively. It also helps you to be confident you are properly aware of national developments and best practice.
- 7.3 Dr Proctor explained that the Board has a statutory duty to produce an annual report detailing what it has done during the year to achieve its main objectives and implement its joint business and strategic plan. The Report gives an overview of the membership, governance and accountability arrangements, together with the legal, national and

local contexts in which it operates. The Annual Report provides an overview of the progress made in delivering the business plan in relation to each of its key principles. In addition, the report provides the Board's priorities for the year ahead.

7.4 The main themes discussed the meeting were:

- This year's annual report is a lot shorter. It is more accessible as a result.
- The evidence of strong commitment from parties within the Board to the Safeguarding Agenda is welcome. There is a high level of leadership attendance at Board meetings. The right people attend. There is confidence that they cascade messages and learning within their own organisations.
- Building relationships and encouraging participation and representation from the military and farming communities is very much still a Board aim.
- The process of understanding the relationship between mental health, isolation and safeguarding is continuous.
- Members welcomed the statement that joint working with the NY Safeguarding Children's Board continues to improve. This relationship has thrown up areas where closer working between the two boards will bring benefits.
- Members reflected upon how much they understand their responsibilities as councillors when it comes to safeguarding. Many had concerns about the level of awareness at a local elected member level. It is important for member training on safeguarding – for new councillors especially – to focus not just on strategic and organisational aspects, but on practical, ground level community leadership expectations.
- It was noted that when asked about the most significant area of concern for the Board in terms of safeguarding activity, the challenges in the social care workforce, especially in terms of volume of incidents and scale of potential risk, was mentioned.

8.0 Recommendations

- 8.1 The committee is recommended to consider the attached work programme and determine whether any further amendments should be made at this stage.

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19 November 2019

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Scope - The needs of vulnerable adults and older people and people whose independence needs to be supported by intervention from the public or voluntary sector

Meeting Details

Committee meetings	Thursday 28 November 2019 at 10am
	Thursday 5 March 2020 at 10am
	Thursday 25 June 2020 at 10am
	Thursday 24 September 2020 at 10am
	Thursday 4 March 2021 at 10am

Programme

BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY 28 November 2019			
TOPIC	CONTENT	APPROACH	LEAD
Short Breaks/Respite care	review – possible news on engagement sessions	Review consultation proposals	Dale Owens
Support for Carers	in particular how we respond to pressures upon families		
Health and Social Care Integration	Task Group Report		Ray Busby
BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY 5 March 2020			
TOPIC	CONTENT	APPROACH	LEAD
Transfers of Care Annual update	Performance item		Louise Wallace
Social prescribing		Report, Presentation and witness evidence	Discussion guided by Community First
Market Intervention and Residential Care/Domiciliary			Dale Owens
Commissioned Services: The Provider perspective	Series managed dialogue/conversation with providers:	eg Wellbeing, Prevention and mental health	

		contracts, Advocacy, Dementia Support	
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Mid Cycle Briefings Dates –10am start

<p><u>13 February 2020</u> Market Intervention and Residential Care/Domiciliary Review in-house residential provision Extra Care Programme Update and overview DPH Annual Report Public Health grant review - priorities Public Health Campaigns briefing Local Account</p>	<p>Thursday 7 May 2019 2020 at 10am Thursday 23 July 2020 at 10am Thursday 29 October 2020 at 10am Thursday 4 February 2021</p>
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Other arranged meetings

Friday 6 December at 11.30pm

Transitions: Joint meeting with YPOSC members