

Briefing Notes

**Social and Community Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

29th November 2007

This note contains information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Social and Community Overview and community Committee but where no decisions from Members are needed. It does **NOT** form part of the agenda.

If Members have questions relating to matters shown, they are asked to contact the Officer indicated.

Update on the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At the meeting of the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 7th July 2007 it was resolved that the committee considers the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health at its meeting on 29th November and provides proposals for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee work plan for 2008. However, the Annual report has now been deferred until the March 2008 meeting and I have now been asked to provide items for November 20th in order that they can be considered at the next HOSC meeting on December on 3rd December. As I am unable to get their views in committee discussion I have contacted S&C O& S members individually to ask them to propose items that I can take forward.

Developing the Work plan

Items selected for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee work plan for 2008 can either be considered by full committee or by task groups.

Current Task groups are;

- Wingmoor Farm Task Group looking at possible negative health impacts of the Wingmoor Farm Hazardous Waste Disposal site
- Alcohol Misuse Amongst Young People, this group was set up at the September 2007 HOSC, to revisit the work of the HOSC in 2004 and consider how alcohol misuse and services to prevent misuse have changed over the last 3 years and the extent that HOSC recommendations have been implemented
- Older Peoples Mental Health
Set up to monitor progress against the Action Plan of the Independent Reconfiguration Panel Recommendations.

The HOSC can therefore add further in depth investigation in 2008.

Other categories include:-

- individual scrutiny items, usually single meeting question and answer sessions
- responding to consultations on substantial changes or variations to health services
- following up earlier scrutiny activities, monitoring impact of scrutiny reviews

The work plan will be reviewed at regular intervals to allow the committee to prioritise any new urgent issues during the year

I have already 2 items from the S&C OSC members to take forward for inclusion in the work plan and can take individual concerns to any HOSC meeting, dates planned for 2008 are:-

January 21st
March 14th
May 27th
June 7th
September 8th
November 3rd

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