



<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item No.</b>
Cllr Julie Robinson	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 April 2016	5

## Lancashire County Council – Health Scrutiny

### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To advise the committee about the work of Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee and Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee.

### **2. Outcomes**

- 2.1 Councillors better informed about health scrutiny in Lancashire.
- 2.2 Improved provision of health services in Wyre.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That Wyre's nominated representative on Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee, currently Cllr Robinson, continues to feed back to the O&S Committee at least once per year, or more frequently if matters of particular significance for Wyre residents arise.
- 3.2 That the report be noted.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1 Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee is a statutory committee which has the following stated purpose:
- To review and scrutinise issues around public health and health inequalities. The Committee will review and scrutinise the work and performance of any relevant part of the County Council and its partners and the functions of the relevant Cabinet Members
  - To exercise the statutory functions of a health overview and scrutiny committee under the provisions of the National Health Service Act 2006. For this purpose the Committee shall include twelve non-voting Co-opted district council Members.

- To consider and respond to petitions in accordance with the Council's petitions scheme see Appendix 'O' of Lancashire County Council's Constitution.
- 4.2** Councillor Julie Robinson is Wyre Council's nominated co-opted representative on this committee.
- 4.3** Provision for a Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee was agreed by the Lancashire County Council Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 10 June 2011.
- 4.4** The scope of the Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee is as follows:
- “The Committee to consider any future and proposed health service changes that will directly affect all three upper tier local authorities covering the pan Lancashire area and directly affect the citizens in the \*Cumbria County Council area.”
- (\* 2 Elected voting Members from Cumbria County Council to be invited to attend meetings of the Joint Committee on those occasions when consideration is given to any planned or proposed health service matter that would be likely to directly affect citizens in the Cumbria County Council area).
- 4.5** Councillor Julie Robinson is Wyre Council's nominated co-opted representative on the Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee, at which she also represents Fylde council.
- 4.6** The Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee last met on 28 January 2014 when it was agreed that a further meeting of the Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee would be arranged as and when required. There has not been a meeting since 28 January 2014 and there is no intention to report about this committee again unless it is re-convened in the meantime.

## **5. Key issues and proposals**

- 5.1** There were eight meetings of the Health Scrutiny Committee during 2015.

The committee considered a wide range of items in 2015, including the following:

- Self-care – asset-based approaches and health literacy
- Health and wellbeing strategy
- The Better Care Fund plan

- Relationship between Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny Committee
- Ageing well – maintaining independence (with particular reference to dementia, social isolation, falls prevention and carers)
- North West Ambulance Service
- Falls in care homes
- Joint working – fragmented commissioning amongst partners
- Access to services (with particular reference to social care services, the 'Wellbeing Worker Service' and the views of citizens from the deaf community on accessing services)
- Health and Wellbeing Board update
- Healthwatch Lancashire update
- Reports from the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

**5.2** Cllr Robinson's membership of these two committees, and the Health Scrutiny Committee in particular, provides an opportunity for Wyre Council to be directly represented in the Health Scrutiny process for Lancashire. It also provides a channel for feedback on any wider health issues that will have a particular impact on Wyre's residents.

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