

Title of Report:	Proposed review into Delayed Transfers of Care
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	27 January 2015

Purpose of Report: To outline to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission proposed Terms of Reference for a review into Delayed Transfers of Care.

Recommended Action: Amend, if necessary, and approve the Terms of Reference for the review.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of 20 May 2014, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission agreed to conduct a review into Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) . The form containing the reasons for the subject's suggestion is shown at Appendix A.
- 1.2 This report sets out the proposed Terms of Reference for a task group review of the topic.

2. Proposed Terms of Reference and methodology

- 2.1 It is proposed that the review examines the extent to which Delayed Transfers of Care are occurring in West Berkshire and in particular:
- Current and historic performance
 - The causes of delay
 - Identification of areas for improvement
 - Report to the OSMC thence the Executive with recommendations as appropriate.
- 2.2 The review will be carried out through the establishment of a time-limited task group, comprising 4 members (3 x Conservative members, 1 x Liberal Democrat).

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members of the Commission amend, if necessary, and approve the Terms of Reference for the review.

Appendices

Appendix A – Scrutiny suggestion form

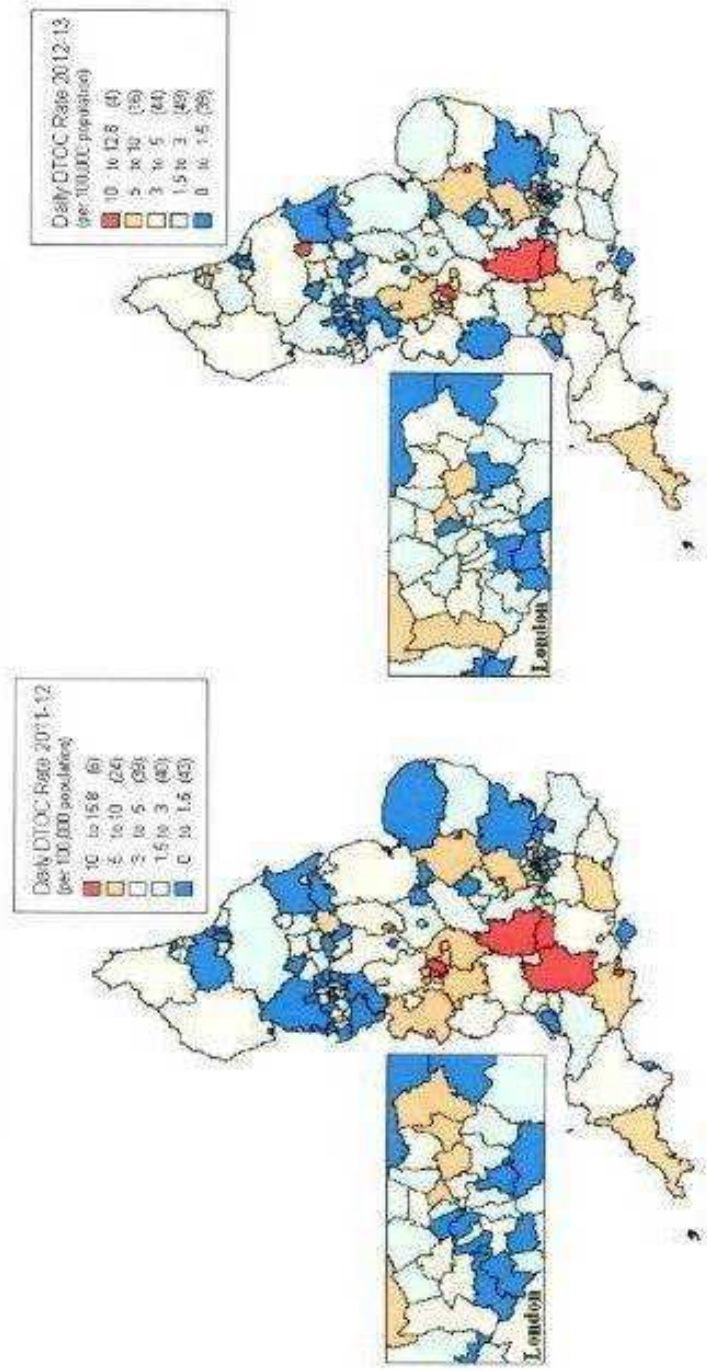
Appendix A – Scrutiny suggestion form

Your suggested topic(s)	
Delayed Transfers of Care (DTCO)	
Your reasons for requesting that this topic be considered: <i>(Please include your reasons for suggesting the topic and include details of any evidence you may have)</i>	
<p>In 2012/13 West Berkshire Council was the worst performing authority in the country for DTCO according to NHS England http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/delayed-transfers-of-care/ , and 4th worst the year before.</p> <p>Delayed Transfers of Care is part of the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF), which is a tool used to monitor the state of adult social care both locally and nationally. Nationally, ASCOF intends to give an indication of the strengths of social care, which will support the Government in reporting to the public and parliament, and influence policy development. Locally, ASCOF is intended to enable comparisons between different areas such as councils, and for outstanding performers to share learning and best practice.</p> <p>2013/14 figures for West Berksire do not appear to show much, if any, improvement. I would like to investigate the causes for this repeatedly poor performance and see what can be done to significantly improve it.</p> <p>Because this is a complex subject it is important that members fully understand what is going on especially as our officers are not confident that the statistics reflect the reality. I believe this can only be properly scrutinised by a task group.</p> <p>Included: Daily DTCO rates by LA's for 2011/12-2012/13</p>	
Topics suggested for scrutiny need to meet one of the following criteria. Please click the appropriate box(es):	
(1) The issue is an area of key public concern (e.g. as identified through Members surgeries, constituents' concerns, the Annual Satisfaction Survey, raised in the local media, etc).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) There is evidence of poor performance within the activity (i.e. through performance indicator data, experience of Members, internal or external auditor findings, etc).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) It is a budgetary area in need of examination to ensure value for money is being obtained.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(4) There has been a pattern of budgetary overspends within the area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) It is a corporate priority for the Council as published within the Council Strategy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(6) It has an external focus (e.g. scrutiny of the Council's partners, government agencies, utility providers, private sector companies, etc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(7) It is a Central Government priority area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(8) It is an area of new Government legislation that has significant implications for the Council or its partners.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The outcomes you hope scrutiny of this topic will achieve:	
To speed up the process of moving from hospital people requiring care	
If you have already raised this issue with a Member or Officer of West Berkshire Council, please provide details here:	
Rachel Wardell and Tandra Forster have suggested that the national figures may not accurately reflect the facts.	

4.2.2. There is regional variation between Local Authorities in the daily rate of delayed transfers of care attributable to social care across England. On average, the performance of Local Authorities was better in 2012/13 than in 2011/12 (Chart 10).

Chart 10: Daily DTOC rate attributable to Social Care by Local Authority for 2011/12 and 2012/13



Rates for individual Local Authorities are published here: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/delayed-transfers-of-care/>