

Suggest a topic for scrutiny

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Your suggested topic(s)
Your suggested topic for scrutiny:
Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC)
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 DTC 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>
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.		

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Whilst we cannot guarantee that your suggestion for scrutiny topics will always result in a scrutiny project, every suggestion or comment will be carefully considered.

If you wish to post your form, please send to:

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