

Health Scrutiny Review Matrix

Review Topic: Healthcare in new developments

Timescale

Start: January 2024

Finish: May 2024

Review Rationale:

A key concern regarding proposed new developments is ensuring adequate healthcare services are provided. There is a need to ensure that healthcare commissioners are adequately consulted on the requirements for the primary care services (GP surgeries and pharmacies) to serve new developments when local populations increase, and that developers engage with health commissioners and planners.

There is also opportunity to ensure that new developments are designed to promote health and wellbeing, and therefore prevent future demand on primary care services. There is therefore a need to review how the planning application process is encouraging developers to design with long-term prevention and health promotion for all residents across the life-course in mind.

The scope of the review will include:

- The assessment of the health needs of a local population and how future primary care and public health care services are planned with consideration for housing growth and demographic changes.
- Clarity around planning policy and planning consultations with key stakeholders.
- Reviewing a proposed Health Impact Assessment policy, including supporting guidance documentation.
- Greater understanding of how primary care services for new developments are commissioned, and the level of support for securing funding and delivering proposals.

Terms of Reference:

The Task and Finish Group will consider the following:

Part 1: Assessment of health needs in new developments.

- Review of current mapping of primary care provision (including dentistry, pharmacies and optometry) in new developments and planned population growth.
- Form an understanding of Health Impact Assessment's (HIA), their implementation and the wider preventative approach.
- Review how Berkshire Observatory ward data will be used by developers completing HIA's.

Part 2: Health in Planning policy and Planning consultations.

- Review the draft Healthy Planning Protocol (HPP).
- Consider partnership working and the planning consultation process.
- Review engagement with the Integrated Care Board to be assured that the planning process is accessible for NHS partners.
- Review the draft HIA templates and supporting documentation to be used by developers when submitting an application within agreed parameters, in order to design with long-term prevention, health promotion and healthcare in mind.

Part 3: Funding and delivery of Primary Care and Public Health care services in New Developments.

- Greater understanding of how primary care and public health care services for new developments are funded.
- Review the level of support provided to Primary Care Networks / GP Surgeries in securing funding and delivering proposals.
- Understand developer contributions for local health infrastructure through S106 and CIL agreements.
- Consider the barriers in delivering the plans for future population growth.

Review Membership:

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Information Required:

- The draft Healthy Planning Protocol.
- Health Impact Assessment templates and supporting documents.
- CIL and S106 funding processes.
- Baseline data about primary care services.
- Existing proposals to serve planned developments.
- Health Policy in the draft Local Plan.

Witnesses:

- Senior Programme Officer for the Wider Determinants of Health.
- Planning Policy Manager.
- Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board – Primary Care providers and commissioners.

- Cllr Tony Vickers - Executive Portfolio Holder: Planning and Community Engagement

Desired Outcomes:

Members will collate their recommendations which will then form the basis of a report to be considered by the Health Scrutiny Committee.