

### **Agenda Item 5. Scrutiny Reviews.**

#### **Consideration of a review into alcohol-related hospital admissions as part of the CfPS Health Inequality Scrutiny Programme.**

The responses received from other members of the Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Joint Health Scrutiny Committee are listed below.

#### **Councillor Anna McNair-Scott, Hampshire.**

Thank you for your message and attachments about the alcohol review you are planning. This is an important area of work and I'm sure my committee would be keen to support it, and I will draw it to the attention of the Hampshire HOSC when we next meet in order to agree if this is an area of work we should include in our forward work plan. As this meeting isn't scheduled until late November, this would have implications for your deadline. I think I told you when we met at QA that we carried out a review of services for people with alcohol problems fairly recently, and we have some hefty commitments to our own and joint service reviews. My sense is that we probably couldn't take on additional work at this point, but if you need us to support you in order to take this forward for the CfPS programme I'm sure that would be fine - we would certainly be interested in the outcomes.

I would be happy to discuss this if you felt it would be helpful and attach the link to our report in case this is of interest. <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/scrutiny-committees/safe-healthypeople/cx-puscr-alcohol.htm>

#### **Marian Jones, Isle of Wight Council.**

I have discussed this with the chair of our relevant scrutiny panel and confirm that the Isle of Wight Council wishes to be a part of the bid to the CfPS for a joint review into alcohol-related hospital admissions. This topic is clearly an important issue for many areas, including the Island.

A recent article in the local newspaper stated that each year 300 Island hospital admissions are caused wholly by alcohol misuse and 1,000 hospital admissions (including the above) are caused wholly or partly by alcohol misuse. Between 50 and 60 of the annual hospital admissions caused wholly by alcohol misuse have been among young people aged under 18 and the IoW admission rate among this age group has been very significantly higher than the national average.

There are various initiatives underway on the Island to address this. A joint review could help inform these and our experience could likewise help inform the joint review.

#### **Councillor Peter Edgar, Hampshire County Council.**

Whilst acknowledging and supporting the contents of Anna's letter, I would support the review into alcohol-related hospital admissions. If it is to be carried out by Portsmouth HOSP I can of course represent HCC and GBC on that panel. I believe that this would be a very valuable piece of health scrutiny.

Councillor E Cooke, Southampton City Council.

The Scrutiny Support Officer spoke to Councillor Cooke who is also supportive of a review of this topic.