

Report title: Domiciliary Care – Task and Finish Group review	
Report to: People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee has previously approved the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to look at certain aspects of the provision of domiciliary care in Essex. The Task and Finish Group has now met for the first time and, after discussion with Lead Officers, the proposed Scoping Document to frame their review is attached for endorsement by the Committee.

2. Action required

To consider endorsing the draft Scoping Document which will be used to frame the review of domiciliary care.

3. Background

3.1 Establishment of Task and Finish Group

On 14 November 2019 the Committee discussed a report provided by Healthwatch Essex (HWE), which summarised feedback received by HWE from domiciliary care users and a breakdown of calls seeking signposting to services. As a result of that discussion, the Committee resolved to establish a Task and Finish Group to look at aspects of domiciliary care which would convene after a further update was received on an Essex County Council commissioned review of hospital discharge processes, and after the ongoing Task and Finish Group review at that time looking at drug gangs, knife crime and county lines was completed.

On 12 March 2020 the Committee considered report PAF/07/20 comprising a power point presentation on the findings and conclusions of a recent review of hospital discharge processes conducted by Newton Europe and a link to that paper is here - [PAF 12 March 2020 meeting papers](#).

The completion of the Task and Finish Group review of drug gangs, knife

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crime and county lines was delayed for a number of reasons (including the pandemic) and so the start of the domiciliary care review was delayed.

On 17 September 2020 the Committee considered a report updating members on adult social care issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and the County Council's responses to the challenges being faced which included trends in relation to domiciliary care. A link to that paper is here - [PAF 17 September 2020 meeting papers](#).

That same meeting endorsed the final report of the Task and Finish Group review of drug gangs, knife crime and county lines thereby enabling the start of the Task and Finish Group review looking at domiciliary care..

3.2 Timetable for completion

A draft scoping document is attached (Appendix A) as a guide to framework future work by the Task and Finish Group. Any significant change to the content or focus of the scoping document will require it to be re-submitted to this Committee for endorsement.

3.3 Reporting arrangements

The Committee will need to consider the reporting requirements for the Task and Finish Group. In particular, whether regular reports will be required to be made to the full Committee.

4. Update and Next Steps

See Background and Action Required.

5. List of Appendices

Appendix A - Current draft of Scoping Document for the review as proposed by the Task and Finish Group.