

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	26 th November 2025
REPORT OF	Joanne Robinson – Statutory Scrutiny Officer
SUBJECT	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme
STATUS	Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIM

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reflects on the bi-annual review of the 2024/25 work undertaken by the Health and Adult Social Care and provides a formal opportunity for the panel to update its work programme as it considers appropriate.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

The panel is asked to consider progress made to date with its work programme and update it if it is felt that items need to be re-prioritised, removed or added.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

This report and its appendix summarise the 2024/25 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.

The panel may also consider any topics it wishes to retain, postpone or add to this or next year's work programme as the work programme remains flexible. It is good practise to keep the work programme under review and the half-year stage seems an appropriate time to do so.

The panel may wish to comment on achievements to date, mindful of the Annual Scrutiny Report that will be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2025.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. MONITORING COMMENTS

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result, no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2024/25
Panel tracking reports
Panel work programme

9. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

Zoe Campbell – Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor

JOANNE ROBINSON
STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER

PROPOSAL FOR AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel 2025/26

AGENDA ITEMS	30th July	1st October	26th November	28th January	18th March
	4.30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm
THEME:					
STANDING / GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:-	<p>Work Programme 2025/26 to be agreed.</p> <p>2024/25 Council Plan Year End Performance and Provisional Financial Outturn Report</p> <p>Marmot Town Update</p> <p>Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection Update of Adult Social Services</p>	<p>Meeting Theme:</p> <p>Health Inequalities</p> <p>Three areas of focus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Screening/ Immunisation 2. Teenage conception and smoking in pregnancy 3. Healthy Life Expectancy <p>Standing Items:</p> <p>Q1 Finance Monitoring and Council Plan Report</p> <p>Adult Services Annual Complaints Report inc Ombudsman</p>	<p>Meeting Theme:</p> <p>NHS 10 Year Plan</p> <p>To understand the impact for NEL of the NHS 10 year plan and the reorganisation of commissioning and strategy</p> <p>Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy</p> <p>National Neighbourhood Implementation Programme?</p> <p>Standing Items:</p> <p>Q2 Finance Monitoring and Council Plan Report</p> <p>Work Programme Update 2025/26</p>	<p>Meeting Theme:</p> <p>Adult Safeguarding</p> <p>To look how the outcomes for adults are met and reassurance that that statutory services are being delivered satisfactorily</p> <p>Focus – deep dive?</p> <p>Standing Items:</p> <p>Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report</p> <p>Director of Public Health Annual Report (for Info)</p>	<p>Meeting Theme:</p> <p>Oral Health & Access to Dentists</p> <p>To understand the impact of poor oral health and what work is being undertaken to improve access to dental services across the borough</p> <p>Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection Report for Adult Social Services in NEL</p> <p>Standing Items:</p> <p>Q3 Council Plan and Finance Monitoring Report</p> <p>Work Programme 2025/26 inc items for the next municipal year</p>

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Agenda items to be added:

- **Update on the development of AI across health and adult social care** (28th January 2026 meeting?)
- **Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy**

Briefing Papers:

- **Comparative data from other areas for numbers of people waiting to discharged from hospital** (request from the meeting on the 19.3.25)
- **Update on the progress of the disabled facilities grant** (request from the meeting on the 19.3.25)

Workshops:

- **Joint workshop with the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel to understand the impact of the NHS 10 year plan on the Council, residents and partners** (September/October 2025)

