

# **Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel**

<b>DATE</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Statutory Scrutiny Officer
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2025/26
<b>STATUS</b>	Open

## **CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS**

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 work undertaken by the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel, within the panel's terms of reference, to identify topics to be included in the 2025/26 work programme. The panel is asked to agree the work programme.

## **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The panel is asked to consider and agree the work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

### **1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES**

The appendix to this report summarises the suggested work programme and the panel's likely timetable of activities during 2025/26 to undertake this work. The report will be a live document and progress on each of the work programme items will be monitored throughout the year.

In addition to the work programme items, there will be the opportunity for members to identify agenda items from the forward plan, the Council's quarterly performance and resources report (with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the panel) and the tracking of its recommendations.

The panel may also consider any issues it may wish to remove or add to this year's work programme. The panel may also respond to issues of public concern.

### **2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES**

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. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no impacts on children and young people 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 children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

### **6. CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURE RECOVERY 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.

### **7. 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.

### **8. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

May impact on all wards.

### **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Annual report of scrutiny 2024/25

### **10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)**

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**PROPOSAL FOR AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel 2025/26**

AGENDA ITEMS	30 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> October	26 <sup>th</sup> November	28 <sup>th</sup> January	18 <sup>th</sup> March
	4.30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm
<b>THEME:</b>					
<b>STANDING / GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:-</b>	<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><b>Meeting Theme:</b></p> <p><b>Health Inequalities</b></p> <p>Two areas of focus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Screening/ Immunisation</li> <li>2. Teenage conception and smoking in pregnancy</li> </ol> <p><b>Standing Items:</b></p> <p>Q1 Finance Monitoring and Council Plan Report</p> <p>Adult Services Annual Complaints Report inc Ombudsman</p>	<p><b>Meeting Theme:</b></p> <p><b>NHS 10 Year Plan</b></p> <p>To understand the impact for NEL of the NHS 10 year plan and the reorganisation of commissioning and strategy</p> <p><b>Standing Items:</b></p> <p>Q2 Finance Monitoring and Council Plan Report</p> <p>Work Programme Update 2025/26</p> <p>Director of Public Health Annual Report</p>	<p><b>Meeting Theme:</b></p> <p><b>Adult Safeguarding</b></p> <p>To look how the outcomes for adults are met and reassurance that that statutory services are being delivered satisfactorily</p> <p><b>Standing Items:</b></p> <p>Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report</p>	<p><b>Meeting Theme:</b></p> <p><b>Oral Health &amp; Access to Dentists</b></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><b>Standing Items:</b></p> <p>Q3 Council Plan and Finance Monitoring Report</p> <p>Work Programme 2025/26 inc items for the next municipal year</p>

**Agenda items to be added:**

- **Update on the development of AI across health and adult social care.**

**Briefing Papers:**

- **Comparative data from other areas for numbers of people waiting to be 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)**