

Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

The Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme details the planned activity to be undertaken over the forthcoming municipal year through scheduled Committee meetings, task group, events and through use of the 'rapporteur' model.

The items on the work programme are determined by the Committee following the work programming session carried out by the Steering Group at the start of the municipal year in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees terms of reference detailed in the County Council's Constitution. This includes provision for the rights of County Councillors to ask for any matter to be considered by the Committee or to call-in decisions.

Coordination of the work programme activity is undertaken by the Chair and Deputy Chair of all of the Scrutiny Committees to avoid potential duplication.

In addition to the terms of reference outlined in the [Constitution](#) (Part 2 Article 5) for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Health Scrutiny Committee will:

- To scrutinise matters relating to health and adult social care delivered by the authority, the National Health Service and other relevant partners.
- In reviewing any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, to invite interested parties to comment on the matter and take account of relevant information available, particularly that provided by the Local Healthwatch
- In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes, to take steps to reach agreement with the NHS body
- In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes where agreement cannot be reached with the NHS, to refer the matter to the relevant Secretary of State.
- To refer to the relevant Secretary of State any NHS proposal which the Committee feels has been the subject of inadequate consultation.
- To scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

- To request that the Internal Scrutiny Committee establish as necessary joint working arrangements with district councils and other neighbouring authorities.
- To draw up a forward programme of health scrutiny in consultation with other local authorities, NHS partners, the Local Healthwatch and other key stakeholders.
- To acknowledge within 20 working days to referrals on relevant matters from the Local Healthwatch or Local Healthwatch contractor, and to keep the referrer informed of any action taken in relation to the matter.
- To require the Chief Executives of local NHS bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions, and to invite the chairs and non-executive directors of local NHS bodies to appear before the Committee to give evidence.
- To invite any officer of any NHS body to attend before the Committee to answer questions or give evidence.
- To recommend the Full Council to co-opt on to the Committee persons with appropriate expertise in relevant health matters, without voting rights.
- To establish and make arrangements for a Health Steering Group the main purpose of which to be to manage the workload of the full Committee more effectively in the light of the increasing number of changes to health services.

The Work Programme will be submitted to and agreed by the Scrutiny Committees at each meeting and will be published with each agenda.

The dates are indicative of when the Health Scrutiny Committee will review the item, however they may need to be rescheduled and new items added as required.

Health Scrutiny Committee work programme

Topic	Scrutiny Purpose (objectives, evidence, initial outcomes)	Lead Officers/organisations	Proposed Date(s)
Lancashire & South Cumbria Pathology Collaboration	Seek assurances from the patient's perspective, impact on workforce; service provision in west Lancashire.	LSCFT	14 September 2021
Community Mental Health Transformation programme	Early engagement on the programme - background/case for change; how this will affect methods of service delivery; changes to accessibility and pathways including urgent; which partners involved, next steps and timescales	LSCFT	
Increasing vaccination uptake and addressing inequalities	Joint report from the NHS, the council for voluntary services, and the borough councils delivering the local vaccination programme.	LCC Public Health, Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS, CVS and borough councils	2 November
Workforce GP shortage	Progress made in relation to recommendations of the 2017 scrutiny inquiry report	NHS England North West and Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS	
Early intervention and social prescribing	Review of development and effectiveness	LCC Public Health, Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS	14 December
Housing with Care and Support Strategy	Progress on the implementation of the strategy	LCC Adult Services	1 February 2022
Disabled facilities Grants	Report on the differing allocations of Disabled Facilities Grants to district councils in Lancashire with a focus on discretionary grants	LCC Public Health	22 March

Other topics to be moved on to the work programme at the appropriate time:

- New Hospitals programme
- Shaping Care Together programme
- Lancashire & South Cumbria - Enhanced Acute Stroke Services programme

Health Scrutiny Steering Group work programme

Topic	Scrutiny Purpose (objectives, evidence, initial outcomes)	Lead Officers/partners	Proposed Date(s)
Lancashire & South Cumbria Stroke services Briefing	Update on Acute stroke centres (previously referred to as Hyper Acute Stroke Services)	Jack Smith, Elaine Day, NHS England and Improvement	
New Hospitals Programme Briefing	Tbc – update on the programme	Jerry Hawker and Rebecca Malin, New Hospitals Programme	22 September 2021
Substantial variation protocol for Lancashire	Consider the implementation of a written protocol for Lancashire.	Gary Halsall, LCC	
Healthwatch	Identifying collaborative ways of working	David Blacklock, Healthwatch (People First)	
Continuing Healthcare assessments	Focus on county council resources, understanding the delay to finalising policies, and the effect on wider health outcomes	LCC Adult Social Care	13 October
Quality Surveillance Group	Introduction and identifying collaborative ways of working	Tbc	
Outbreak management and infection control – adult social care	Report on the key issues	Louise Taylor, Tony Pounder, LCC Adult Social Care	10 November
Workforce resilience, wellbeing, sufficiency – adults social care	Report on the key issues	Louise Taylor, Tony Pounder, LCC Adult Social Care	
NHS 111	Findings and evaluation of the new NHS 111 First programme (resolution from committee's meeting held on 15 September 2020)	NWAS and Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS	

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Preventative healthcare – healthy weight and obesity; NHS Health Checks (Healthy Hearts) Emotional and Mental Health – substance misuse and alcohol services	Overarching report identifying the key issues.	LCC Public Health	1 December
High intensity user programme	Report on the programme	Healthwatch, NWAS, and relevant/specific NHS Trust	
Building and enduring health protection function beyond covid	Initial report on plans	LCC Public Health	5 January 2022
Intermediate Care Services	Report on the key issues	LCC and Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS	
Health inequalities – people with learning disabilities	Report on the key issues	LCC Learning disabilities, autism and mental health	9 February
Annual health checks and LeDeR programme	Written report and action plan on performance against the trajectory for discharge rates, annual health checks (AHC) and Learning Disabilities Mortality Reviews (LeDeR) targets.	Lancashire and Midlands Commissioning Support Unit/Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS	
NHS Trust Quality Accounts	Review of NHS Trust Quality Accounts – formulating comments	Healthwatch Lancashire	10 March
NHS Trust Quality Accounts	Review of NHS Trust Quality Accounts – formulating comments	Healthwatch Lancashire	6 April

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			4 May

Other topics to be scheduled:

- Liberty Protection Safeguards – review of preparations before go live (April/October 2022?)
- Update on appointing joint health scrutiny committees with neighbouring local authorities
- Strengthening health scrutiny arrangements
- Health and Care Bill 2021 – implications for health scrutiny
- Vascular Service improvement and new model of care and Head and Neck programme
- Healthwatch reports:
 - Covid recovery and restoration - primary and elective care
 - Primary care - face to face engagement
 - Dental service shortage
 - Day Care Service improvement (LCC)
 - Community Diagnostic hubs

Rapporteur activity

- CC D Westley - Ian Barber, Lancashire Armed Forces Covenant Hub, ex-service personnel programme of engagement with GPs and health services

Briefing notes and bite size briefings to be requested

- January 2022 - CQC Assurance of Local Authority Adult Social Care (CQC report to be presented to committee) – briefing note to Steering Group and bite size briefing for all members?
- Health and Care Bill – opportunities for population health – bite size briefing