

Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2024-25

The Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme details the planned activity to be undertaken over the forthcoming municipal year.

The Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, and to review and scrutinise county council Adult Services and Public Health. In addition, the Committee has statutory responsibility for the scrutiny of NHS proposals for a substantial development or variation relating to both adults and children's health in Lancashire. Accordingly, the work of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee will focus on the following areas:

- Adult Services
- Public Health
- Functions in relation to the Scrutiny of NHS services as set out in the NHS Act 2012

The programme is determined by the Committee following a planning session at the start of the municipal year. This includes provision for the rights of county councillors to ask for any matter to be considered by the committee.

Coordination of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee programmes is undertaken by the Scrutiny Management Board. This is in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Terms of Reference, as set out in the county council's Constitution (Section 6).

Cabinet Members

The Cabinet Member portfolios aligned to the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee's responsibilities are:

County Councillor Graham Gooch – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

County Councillor Michael Green – Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

The areas of responsibility for each Cabinet Member are set out at Section 5 – Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members to the county council's constitution.

Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Programme 2024-25

Committee Meeting Schedule						
Scrutiny Activity	26 June 2024	18 Sept 2024	30 Oct 2024	13 Dec 2024	5 Feb 2025	12 March 2025
LCC Adult Services Report to Committee	Portfolio and Service Area Update session		Waiting lists - progress in reducing number of backlogs/people awaiting care and support	Short Term Service - newly established short-term service - approach to hospital avoidance and timely discharge	Supporting people with learning disabilities into employment	Engagement and Co-production to include Living Better Lives in Lancashire and Carers Strategy
LCC Public Health Services Report to Committee		Speech and language assessment in EY settings				
NHS Report to Committee		Shaping Care Together Programme Update		Urgent and Emergency Care admission avoidance (joint item with Adult Services)	NHS Community Mental Health Transformation to include: -Management of mental health patients presenting in A&E. -Update on work to reduce the £20m forecast deficit. -Patient discharge housing challenges -LD inpatient facility – Whittingham - Autism/ADHD diagnostic pathways	Dental Services and Oral Health to include: -Access to services -Dental pilots update -Quality of provision
Other Scrutiny Review Update		Workforce update – written response to recommendations from 20/3/24 committee meeting	Living Better Lives in Lancashire – written response to recommendations from 8/5/24 committee meeting	Shaping Care Together Programme – draft proposals (substantial variation)	ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/long covid – update on service provision and staff training in place	
Cabinet Member Attendance		Adult Services and Public Health	Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Adult Services

Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Recommendations Progress

Meeting Date	Report Title	Corporate Priority	Recommendation	Progress Detail
18/9/24	NHS Shaping Care Together Programme Update	NA	That in considering the information presented, the Shaping Care Together Programme be agreed a substantial variation in principle, with a view to more detail on proposed options to be presented at a future meeting.	To be presented at the December meeting of the committee.
18/9/24	Speech and Language Assessment in Early Years	Delivering better services/ Caring for the vulnerable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An update be provided at a later date to include the timescales for rollout. ii. Further evidence on 'all children' assessments be included as part of the update. 	
30/10/24	Adult Social Care Waiting Lists	Caring for the Vulnerable	A progress report on work undertaken to reduce assessment waiting list numbers across the nine assessment categories, to include comparator data against current information reported to the committee, be provided to the committee ahead of the upcoming CQC inspection.	

Health Scrutiny Steering Group Work Programme 2024-25

Meeting Schedule						
Scrutiny Activity	10 July 2024	8 Oct 2024	20 Nov 2024	13 Jan 2025	25 Feb 2025	2 April 2025
LCC Adult Services	Work programme 2024/25 review and final sign off for SMB Review of Health Scrutiny Steering Group ToR	Winter planning – review of plans for winter 2024/25 period		Community equipment - current arrangements and future integrated approach to recommissioning the service		Better Care Fund (BCF) - the arrangements in relation to the BCF, current challenges and update on the ongoing BCF review
LCC Public Health			Service update to include: -Business Plan -Social prescribing and clean air initiatives -Data and intelligence		Local planning and health – involving NHS in local plans	
Annual Reports (Quality reports etc)						NHS Trust Quality Accounts
NHS Service Reports		Winter planning (Joint report with Adult Services)		ICB recovery and transformation/clinical reconfigurations	Local planning and health – involving NHS in local plans. (Joint report with Public Health)	
Other Partner Updates			North West Ambulance Service – service update inc. emergency response challenges	*DNACPR and LeDeR Update		
Other (watching briefs, briefing notes etc)		CQC inspection preparation update briefing note	NHS Enhanced Acute and Rehabilitation Stroke Services update briefing note	Pathology reconfiguration update briefing note	NHS Health Check Programme update briefing note	Medicine waste update briefing note

*DNACPR - Do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation LeDeR – Learning from lives and deaths – people with learning disabilities and autism

Health Scrutiny Steering Group Actions Progress

Meeting Date	Report Title	Corporate Priority	Actions	Progress Detail
10/7/24	Health and Care Updates	NA	North West Ambulance Service and DNACPR be included on the work programme for the steering group.	Added to the work programme
8/10/24	Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements in Cheshire and Merseyside	NA	It was agreed by members that the protocol of purposes of the joint scrutiny committee would be aligned with Sefton Council on the Shaping Care Together Programme.	NA
20/11/24	North West Ambulance Service Update	NA	On considering the information presented, identified Acute Trusts be invited to a future meeting of the Steering Group to further discuss handover challenges and initiatives in place.	
20/11/24	Public Health Service Update	Caring for the Vulnerable Delivering Better Services	That from a review of the information provided, a future report be provided on social prescribing as outlined.	