

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 | | | | | | |
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| 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. | To be added to a future meeting of the committee. |
| 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. | |
| 13/12/24 | Shaping Care Together | NA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the proposals as part of the Shaping Care Together Programme be confirmed as a potential substantial variation of current service provision. ii. Pending outcome of the Sefton Council Health Scrutiny Committee meeting in January 2025, a joint health scrutiny committee be convened. | Sefton Council's Health Scrutiny Committee confirmed substantial variation at their meeting held on 7 January 2025. A joint committee will be convened at an appropriate time to consider the proposals. |
| 13/12/24 | New Hospitals Programme | NA | That a further update report be provided to the committee at the February meeting to include the following key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outcome of the Central Government country wide review of New Hospitals Programme and potential impact. b. Transport c. Construction methods d. Timeline of programme | An update will be provided to the 12 March meeting of the committee. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">e. Service provision – to include lessons learnt from previous programmes (e.g. Blackburn/Burnley)f. Ongoing engagement | |
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Health Scrutiny Steering Group Work Programme 2024-25

| Meeting Schedule | | | | | | |
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| 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 | Pathology reconfiguration update | | *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 | | NHS Health Check Programme 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 |
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| 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. | To be added to a future meeting of the steering group. |
| 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. | Date for update to be confirmed. |
| 13/1/25 | ICB Recovery and Transformation Update | NA | That an update on the financial outturn for this year as well as the financial plan for next year be provided to the steering group at the April meeting. | |
| 13/1/25 | Pathology Reconfiguration Update | NA | That an update be provided to the steering group in 12 months' time. | |