

Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Corporate Priorities	Scheduled Meetings		
Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	Date: 24 March 2025 Time: 10:00am Venue: Room 10, Town Hall	Date: 23 June 2025 Time: 10:00am Venue: Room 10, Town Hall	Date: 8 September 2025 Time: 10:00am Venue: Room 10, Town Hall

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Performance Reports	Scrutiny Committees are responsible for reviewing the performance reports for priorities relevant to their remit.	To use performance reports to monitor the performance of services within portfolios and hold Cabinet Members to account.	Integrated Health and Social Care (Cllr Bowden) /Public Health (Cllr Murphy)	Mark Palethorpe/ Jamaila Hussain/ Ruth Du Plessis	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	Report to Committee	24 March 2025
Homes First Model Including a Site Visit to the Brookfield Centre	It is the Council's policy for residents to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible as it is believed to be better for wellbeing and is less expensive than residential care. There are a variety of services and products that can be used to help people to maintain their	To explore whether more can be done with Assisted Technology and Artificial intelligence to support residents to remain in their own homes for longer whether as part of a social care package or as private clients not yet eligible for social care. To promote	Integrated Health and Social Care (Cllr Bowden)	Jamaila Hussain	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	Report to Committee Site Visit	24 March 2025 TBC

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	independence at home.	effective planning for older age to maintain independence and reduce crises requiring acute care. To ensure that the introduction of technology into care services does not increase risk of social isolation.					
Appointment of Co-Opted Representative for Healthwatch to Adult Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee	The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution state as follows: (f) The Overview and Scrutiny Commission or a Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to recommend the Council to appoint a number of people as non-voting co-optees, as appropriate.	Recommend to Council the appointment of Rita Chapman as the new non-voting co-opted representative for Healthwatch on the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	Integrated Health and Social Care (Cllr Bowden)	Jamaila Hussain	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	Report	24 March 2025

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Scrutiny Reviews							
Suicide Prevention	<p>For every life lost there can be over 100 other people affected and impacted.</p> <p>Prior to the pandemic, St Helens had recorded the highest rates of suicide in the country. Since that time, a significant amount of work has been done by our communities, schools, workplaces, and services to raise awareness, provide support and prevent and reduce suicide.</p> <p>Although Suicide rates reduced post pandemic, rates in the Borough are once again rising.</p> <p>suicide rates are also rising nationally and across the northwest. (St Helens is sadly seeing a steeper rise currently,</p>	<p>To understand the contributing factors leading to a suicide.</p> <p>To look at the Suicide prevention strategy and consider if a focused approach could be adopted and if partners are flagging high risk individuals, how this is being managed and where there may be triggers or common traits is the strategy adapted to focus its resources</p>	Public Health (Cllr Murphy)	Ruth Du Plessis Michelle Loughlin	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	Task and Finish Review	Next meeting 31 January 2025

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	probably due in part to the wide inequality in our borough.)						
Economic Inactivity due to Long Term Illness as a Cause of Unemployment	St Helens' economic inactivity rate due to long-term sickness is significantly higher than the NW average, and the England average.	<p>The link between ill health and economic inactivity is growing in the Borough as the gap widens between the Borough and the national averages.</p> <p>Mental health is a key health indicator that has demonstrated significant increases as a cause of economic inactivity. This review will explore the link between ill health and economic inactivity.</p> <p>It will review both the employment and health programmes that are targeted at solving this problem.</p>	<p>Inclusive Growth & Regeneration (Cllr McCauley)</p> <p>Integrated Health and Social Care) Social (Cllr Andy Bowden)</p> <p>Public Health Cllr (Sue Murphy MBE)</p>	<p>Sean Traynor (Lead Officer)/</p> <p>Rob Crookes /Lisa Birtles</p> <p>Ruth Du Plessis</p>	<p>Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy.</p> <p>Promote good health independence and care across our communities</p>	Joint Task Group with Place Services.	Scheduled to Commence March 2025

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		The Task Group will explore the link between economic inactivity and poor life chances with links to the tackling inequalities agenda.					
Falls Prevention	Injuries from falls can be serious, life changing or even fatal. The overall trend in injuries from falls in the over 65s is a generally downward trajectory since 2011/12. The current work around falls prevention, is being reviewed and refreshed and a new task group has been established led by Adult Social Care. Better Care Funding is to be used to increase capacity to deliver strength and balance work and the direction of the wider falls prevention	To understand the Causes of FALLS and Reduce the Emergency hospital admissions for falls	Integrated Health and Social Care) Social (Cllr Andy Bowden)	Jamaila Hussain.	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	Spotlight Review	TBC

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	service is currently under review.						
Previous Items							
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Urgent Emergency Care Recovery	The ICB is undertaking a review of Urgent Emergency Care Recovery. This may have an impact on Adult Social Care.	To understand any proposed changes at ICB level and the impact on local authority services.	Integrated Health and Social Care (Cllr Bowden)	Mark Palethorpe	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	Report	7 October 2024
Market Position Statement Draft Strategy	Underpinning the challenges facing Adult Social Care	Enable Members to understand the vision and direction of adult social care.	Integrated Health and Social Care (Cllr Bowden)	Mark Palethorpe/ Jamaila Hussain	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities.	Report	7 October 2024
CQC Inspection Verbal Update	In December 2024 the Council is undergoing a CQC (Care Quality Commission Inspection) which will	To receive an update on the findings, and considerations to forward planning from the outcomes	Integrated Health and Social Care (Cllr Bowden) /Public Health (Cllr Murphy)	Mark Palethorpe/ Jamaila Hussain/ Ruth Du Plessis	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	Verbal Update	13 January 2025

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	provide a rating on overall performance in Adult Social Care Services'	of the CQC Inspections.					