Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel

Work Plan 2024 - 26

1. Scrutiny review projects; These are dealt with through a combination of specific evidence gathering meetings that will be arranged as and when required and other activities, such as visits. Should there not be sufficient capacity to cover all of these issues through in-depth pieces of work, they could instead be addressed through a "one-off" item at a scheduled meeting of the Panel. These issues will be subject to further development and scoping. It is proposed that the Committee consider issues that are "cross cutting" in nature for review by itself i.e. ones that cover the terms of reference of more than one of the panels.

Project	Comments	Status
Hospital discharge	To review delays to hospital discharge in Haringey. Evidence sessions for this Review have now been completed.	Report to be published April/May 2025.
Sheltered Housing	It has been proposed that a working group will be established to visit sheltered housing in the Borough and ascertain the current issues and concerns.	

2. **"One-off" Items;** These will be dealt with at scheduled meetings of the Panel. The following are suggestions for when particular items may be scheduled.

Date Agenda Items

2024-25		
30 July 2024	 Cabinet Member Questions – Adults & Health Haringey Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2024-29 Continuing Healthcare 	
19 September 2024	 Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) Annual Report Dementia services Smoke-free Strategy 	
14 November 2024 (Budget Meeting)	Scrutiny of 2025/26 Budget and MTFS	
17 December 2024	 Quality Assurance/CQC Overview Savings Tracker 2024/25 Cabinet Member Questions – Adults & Health 	
10 February 2025	 Preparedness for a future pandemic CQC Inspection 	

	Aids & Adaptations update	
2025-26		
June/July 2025	 Cabinet Member Questions – Adults & Health Dementia update (provisional) VACANT 	
September 2025	 Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) Annual Report Quality Assurance/CQC Overview VACANT 	
November 2025	Scrutiny of 2026/27 Budget and MTFS	
December 2025	 Health and Wellbeing Strategy update (provisional) VACANT VACANT 	
February 2026	 Cabinet Member Questions – Adults & Health VACANT VACANT 	

To be allocated

Issues arising from scrutiny consultation exercise:

- Communications with residents
- Impact of Housing Conditions on Health and Wellbeing
- Autism Strategy 2021-2031
- Support for Carers

Issues arising from previous work programme or follow up from current work programme:

- **Self-neglect and hoarding** The Council's policy on self-neglect and hoarding is due to be refreshed in 2025.
- Weight Management Panel to consider receiving information/data on performance on weight management initiatives.
- Adult social care: New ways of working Panel to consider receiving more information about this in 2025/26 e.g. Invest-to-save, recruitment/retention, digital transformation, assistive technology, multidisciplinary working around adults, housing and health.
- Care homes Panel to monitor shortage of care home places in Haringey and ongoing pressure on the sector.
- **Leisure Services** While this is not directly under the remit of the Panel, it was suggested that there could be some joint scrutiny work on how the AHC Department could have an input into the promotion of leisure services to improve health and wellbeing.
- **Budget** Some detailed work on what proportion of proposed savings from previous years were actually achieved and how they have been mitigated, including through the use of reserves.
- Osborne Grove Nursing Home
- **Health & Wellbeing Strategy** Last update provided in July 2024. Next update suggested for late 2025/early 2026. A number of recommendations for issues to be included in the next update was specified in July 2024.
- Gambling harms
- Dementia services Last update provided in September 2024. Next update suggested for summer 2025. A number of recommendations for issues to be included in the next update was specified in September 2024.
- **Smoke-free Strategy** Last update provided in September 2024. Further update suggested for 2025/26 on work in schools on vaping, PSHE education and links with mental health teams.
- Continuing Healthcare Last update provided in July 2024.

- Modern Slavery (including training for Police)
- Adult Social Care Commissioning and Co-production Board Previous update in November 2023, next update anticipated 6-9 months later.
- **LGA Peer Review** Further update to be scheduled. Previous update was in June 2023. Strategic plan is expected to be in place by Jan 2024.
- Workforce reform agenda Further update to be scheduled. Previous update was in June 2023. At the previous update it was noted that the 30% vacancy rate in Adult Social Care represented a risk and so it would be useful to monitor staff turnover and the vacancy rate at the next update on this issue.
- Integrated Care System (ICS) At a meeting in July 2022 it was suggested that a further report be brought to a future meeting including details on: a) the development of the co-design/co-production process; and b) the communications/engagement process for the next suitable new project.

Issues arising from savings tracker:

- Direct Payments Panel to consider further scrutiny on how information about Direct Payments was being communicated to residents.
- Grant Review (BCF-S75) Pressures on both sides and the potential impact on joint commissioning to be noted as an ongoing risk.
- **Supported Living Review** Panel to monitor review and ensure that support levels for clients were being maintained as the savings were being achieved.