

Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel

Work Plan 2025 - 26

30th June 2025	• Adult Carers Strategy • Finance & Performance update (Q3) • Cabinet Member Questions – Adults & Health
22nd September 2025	• Finance & Performance update (Q1) • Connected Communities • Joint Partnerships Board review
13th November 2025	• Scrutiny of 2026/27 Budget and MTFS
16th December 2025	• Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) Annual Report • Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman – Upheld Complaints • Community Healthcare Equipment suppliers
9th February 2026	• Finance update (Q2) • Quality Assurance/CQC Overview • <i>Reablement Review (provisional)</i> • <i>Dementia update (provisional) (last update in Sep 2024)</i> • <i>Health and Wellbeing Strategy update (provisional) (last update in July 2024)</i> • <i>Adult Social Care Commissioning and Co-production Board (provisional) (last update in Nov 2023)</i>

Possible additional items

Issues arising from scrutiny consultation exercise:

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

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

- **Maternity Services** (North Middlesex University Hospital)
- **CQC Inspection** – Last update provided in March 2025. Several points specified for follow up, see minutes of meeting.
- **Aids & Adaptations** - Last update provided in March 2025. Several points specified for follow up, see minutes of meeting.
- **Aids & Adaptations** (Housing) – Possible joint meeting with Housing Panel on aids & adaptations and the bespoke housing 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)
- **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.