SCRUTINY ACTIVITY AND WORK PROGRAMME – 2022 to 2024

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Tameside Scrutiny Panels are required to publish an Annual Work Programme of planned activity. The programme of work will cover a two-year rolling period that is to be reviewed, updated and agreed on an annual basis.

The annual work programme will aim to reflect priority issues across the Council and external partners. Work will continue to improve the flexibility, responsiveness and reporting methods of all scrutiny activity undertaken.

Each year a range of emerging topics and issues may require the attention of Scrutiny. It is therefore important to ensure efforts are best placed to support and influence effective decision-making, with the added focus on improving outcomes for residents and communities.

Scrutiny Activity
Work has been undertaken to develop a list of topics for consideration. The Annual Work Programme is to be reviewed and signed off at the next meeting of Overview Panel on 25 July 2022.

There is a range of options available to each Scrutiny Panel as to how activity is planned, with a further need to consider timescales and future reporting. The Chair will work closely with panel members in order to determine the best approach for how activity will be undertaken.

Scrutiny activity will continue to adopt a combination of approaches to review service and performance updates, respond to formal consultations, focus reports of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and areas in need of more in-depth review. This includes a responsibility for:
• Research and insight on a particular issue, including desktop reviews
• Review of decisions and recommendations
• Follow-up (from previous review / municipal year)
• Engagement and consultation – to provide responses to pre-decision activity
• Consideration of decisions and reports from the Ombudsman
• Budget updates
• Receive updates on key issues as they arise
• Active monitoring of national and regional policy and substantive variation to service change

Plans remain in place to keep scrutiny members informed on the range of engagement and consultation activity taking place both within the Council and across partners. Where deemed appropriate, the wider development of scrutiny may include project support and service development work undertaken at the request of the Executive as a critical friend.

Remit of the Panel
The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel has responsibility for considering the delivery and commissioning arrangements that sit within the Council's Population Health and Adult Services directorates.

The Panel is also responsible for scrutinising the wider health system in Tameside, with a statutory function to review and monitor service delivery across local health partners that include Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust, the Clinical Commissioning Group (GM ICS from 1 July 2022) and commissioned providers.

In Tameside, Health Scrutiny aims to improve people's health by looking at the quality, performance, accessibility and outcomes of NHS services in the borough. This is achieved by undertaking both specific, crosscutting and thematic reviews.

Past Activity – 2021/22

The table below provides a brief summary Scrutiny activity and oversight undertaken during the 2021/22 municipal year, for information.

Health and Adult Social Care
• Health Improvement Service
• Health and Care Bill
• In-depth review of Mental Health (Access and Crisis), to be continued.
• Adult Services
• Assurance review of LGSCO focus report – Domestic Abuse
• Corporate Performance Scorecard
• Mid-year and Annual Budget Update

Annual Work Programme

Scrutiny will undertake core assurance activity with health partners during the municipal year, to include:

• Tameside & Glossop NHS Integrated Care Foundation Trust
• NHS GM Integrated Care (incl. General Practice)
• Pennine Care NHS Mental Health Foundation Trust

The work programme below captures the input and discussion of panel members in June 2022. The list of topics does not reflect the order in which activity will be selected or undertaken.

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel
• Adult Social Care Reform White Paper implementation
• Tameside carers
• Next steps for health integration – GMICS   -   Tameside progress to date, performance and opportunity for local flexibility
• Health outcomes and inequality   -   population health prevention programmes, commissioning priorities and delivery

• Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
  -   Health system recovery and pressures (including workforce)
  -   Community healthcare
  -   Admission avoidance and discharge (including social care)

• The ongoing impacts of Covid 19 - access to health care, presentations and waiting lists   -   Primary and secondary care
• Digital Health services – across health and social care
• Learning disability services – journey, support and outcomes
• The Panel to receive regular updates during the year regarding new and emerging areas
Follow-up on past activity
• Mental Health (Access and Crisis)
• Domestic Abuse

Additional in-year monitoring
• Budget updates – annual and mid-year
• Feedback and learning from complaints (LGSCO)
• Performance monitoring against corporate priorities

Future meetings
The table below shows the dates of future meetings for the 2022/23 municipal year and the topics and monitoring already identified.

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel				
28 July 2022	**22 September 2022**	**3 November 2022**	**12 January 2023**	**9 March 2023**
• Adult Social Care White Paper implementation. • Executive response to LGSCO learning report • Corporate Performance Scorecard - monitoring	• Mid-year Budget Update • Corporate Performance Scorecard - monitoring		• Corporate Performance Scorecard - monitoring	Corporate Performance Scorecard - monitoring