

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

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1. Training

Training

- Centre for Governance & Scrutiny – skills briefings and practice guides.
- Local Government Association – workbooks, e-learning portal and events.
- Bespoke.

2. Role of Scrutiny

Role of Scrutiny (1)

- Local Government Act 2000.
 - ‘Executive’ – leader and cabinet.
 - ‘Overview & Scrutiny’ – look at decisions & policies / issue reports & recommendations.
- Improve decisions and thus services.
 - no formal power to change.
 - influence policies and decisions.
 - gather evidence & make recommendations

Role of Scrutiny (2)

- Legal power to require:
 - information made available
 - recommendations responded to within a set time frame.
- ‘Critical friend’ – soft influencing power.
 - focus on forward thinking improvement and positive recommendations.
 - avoid apportioning blame and focusing on negatives.

Role of Scrutiny (3)

- Council – direct (and commissioned).
- Partners – formal
 - Health (Health & Social Care Act 2001)
 - Community Safety (Police & Justice Act 2006)
- Partners – informal
 - Housing
 - Transport
 - Education

Role of Scrutiny (4)

- Pre decision (inform and influence).
 - Challenge assumptions
 - Bring insight
 - Suggest new ideas and thinking
- Post decision (challenge and evaluate).
 - Inform evaluation and assess impact
 - Call In (pause a decision)

Role of Scrutiny (5)

- Full in-depth reviews.
- Light touch and/or research reviews.
- Follow up (from previous reviews).
- Check & challenge / assurance.
- Engagement / consultation.
- Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO).

Role of Scrutiny (6)

NOTE: Scrutiny is not / does not ...

- Planning or Licensing.
- Party political.
- Ward specific issues.
- Management of services.
- Operational monitoring of performance, finance, risk and/or projects.
- Inspectorate.

3. Panel Remit

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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.