

Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee

Terms of Reference

The Committee shall undertake the functions delegated by the Commission, and in particular:

- To consider and scrutinise items relating to the provision of adult social care in the Borough.
- To consider and scrutinise items relating to the provision of health services including public health in the Borough, in accordance with relevant legislation.
- To review items relating to the operation of adult social care and health services identified in 1 and 2 and their performance, as selected by members of the Committee, or referred to them by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission or the Cabinet.
- To engage with, and respond to, formal and informal NHS St. Helens Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or relevant health providers' consultations in relation to any proposal for a substantial development of the Health Service in St. Helens or for a substantial variation to such services.
- To monitor the achievement of the "Promote good health, independence and care across our communities" Council Priority as set out in the Council Plan.
- In undertaking this role, the Committee is able to question members of the Cabinet and/or Chief Officers, and/or representatives of relevant Health bodies, including CCG representatives and the People's Board regarding their decisions, performance in relation to service operations and targets.
- To contribute to Joint Health Scrutiny Committees reviewing consultations by NHS bodies or Health Service providers on cross border changes to services.
- To exercise the right following call-in to review and, where appropriate, ask for reconsideration of decisions made but not yet implemented by, the Cabinet or Council.
- To receive and have regard for Councillor Calls for Action within the remit of the Committee.
- To receive and respond to referred items from Healthwatch in accordance with national regulations.
- To provide regular updates on the Panel's work programme to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.
- To produce final reports of all reviews undertaken and monitor and evaluate progress of recommendations as appropriate.
- To make representations to the Cabinet, and Council if necessary, on any issues or areas of concern arising from the overview and scrutiny process.