

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 March 2025

Work Programme

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Summary

This report advises Members of the current work programme for discussion in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances, giving Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities.

1. Recommendation

- 1.1. The Committee is asked to note the report and agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to accepting the proposed changes, outlined in italic text on Appendix 1.

2. Budget and policy framework

- 2.1. Under Chapter 4 – Rules, Part 4 paragraph 21.1 (xv) General Terms of Reference, each Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

3. Background

- 3.1. Appendix 1 to this report sets out the Committee's proposed work programme.

4. Agenda planning meeting

- 4.1. Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. The agenda planning meeting that was held on 10 February 2025 attended by Councillor McDonald (Chairperson) and Councillor Wildey (Opposition Spokesperson).

4.2. The following changes to the work programme were recommended:

- The ICB have confirmed that NHS England (who are leading the work on the prosthetics service) will not be ready to report to March therefore this has been rescheduled for the June meeting.
- The ICB have confirmed they are likely to be ready to update the Committee on the Community Services procurement at the June meeting.
- That a presentation on Med-Eze Medicine Distribution be provided to the March meeting of the Committee.
- The Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP) Procurement 2023-25, listed as date to be confirmed on the work programme, had now been completed and it is therefore recommended to remove it from the work programme and that a briefing note is instead requested in the Autumn to update on how the new contract is going.
- That the following Adult Social Care related reports be added to the work programme as follows:
 - Waiting Lists for Care Assessments – June 2025
 - Hospital discharges – June 2025
 - Adult Safeguarding – August 2025
 - Mental Health Act Assessments (AMPS) – October 2025
 - Transitions from children to adults services – October 2025
 - Care Provider commissioning – December 2025
 - Early Help Offer and Carers support – January 2026
 - Adult Social Care Improvement Plan progress – March 2026

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

5.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 10 February 2025. The following items listed on the forward plan relate to the terms of reference of this Committee. The Committee is asked to identify any items it may wish to consider as pre-decision scrutiny (where dates permit) [Forward Plan - 11 March 2025](#).

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
11 March 2025	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Assessments	

	This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract in relation to DoLS Assessments	
11 March 2025	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Medway Integrated Community Equipment Service (MICES) This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract in relation to MICES	
11 March 2025	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Re-commissioning of the Integrated Sexual Health Service Contract This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract in relation to the Integrated Sexual Health Service Contract	
8 April 2025	Director of Public Health Annual Report This report will present the Director of Public Health's Annual Report.	Being delayed

6. Committee Development

- 6.1. The Committee has been keen to undertake some additional development opportunities. The Integrated Care Board have offered to host a visit to the Lordswood Healthy Living Centre to look at primary care there and slots have been offered for Friday 28 February and Friday 14 March. In addition, the first development sessions between the Committee and the ICB has been set for 20 March 2025 at the St George's Centre. This session will focus on an introduction to the NHS landscape, how it is funded, the challenges it faces along with opportunities.

7. Financial and legal implications

- 7.1. There are no specific financial or legal implications arising from this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Work Programme

Background papers

None