

## West Northamptonshire Council

### Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme 2023/24

	Topic identified and scheduled
	Topic identified but not yet scheduled
	Topic completed

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date	Approach	Cabinet Member / Executive Director / other senior leader	Comments
Performance against adult care, public health and wellbeing key performance indicators	The Committee to scrutinise and provide constructive challenge regarding West Northamptonshire Council's performance against KPIs for services within its remit.	24 July 2023 pre-meeting 14 September 2023 17 January 2024 17 April 2024	Regular Committee meeting item	Executive Director People Services Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	
Development and operation of Local Area Partnerships in West Northamptonshire	The Committee to scrutinise continuing progress with the development of LAPs, involvement in their work and the outcomes produced.	14 September 2023 17 January 2024 17 April 2024	Regular Committee meeting item	Executive Director People Services Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	
University Hospitals of Northamptonshire	The Committee to consider the implications for West Northamptonshire of joint management arrangements between UHN and University Hospitals of Leicester.	17 April 2024	Committee meeting item	University Hospitals of Northamptonshire representative(s)	
Ambulance response as part of action on urgent and emergency care demand	The Committee to consider an overview of plans regarding future ambulance responses as part of the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board Urgent and Emergency Care Strategy.	17 April 2024	Committee meeting item	NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) representative(s)	Topic identified at the Committee agenda planning meeting on 6 March 2024.

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International recruitment challenges in adult social care	The Committee to consider any issues experienced in West Northamptonshire with regard to the operation of the national health and care worker visa scheme.	17 April 2024	Committee meeting item	Executive Director People Services	Topic identified at the Committee agenda planning meeting on 6 March 2024.
Task and finish scrutiny review: support for unpaid carers	The Committee to consider and approve the draft report from the task and finish panel.	24 June 2024	Committee meeting item	NA	
Debt and Money Advice Transformation Programme	The Committee to provide scrutiny input into the development and delivery of the transformation programme.	To be confirmed	Committee meeting item	Assistant Director Revenues and Benefits	The new Debt and Money Advice Service for West Northamptonshire was launched at the start of April 2024.
Care Quality Commission inspection of adult social care – outcomes	The Committee to provide scrutiny input and constructive challenge regarding West Northamptonshire Council's action plan to address the outcomes of the CQC inspection.	To be confirmed	Committee meeting item	Executive Director People Services and Adult Social Care Assistant Directors Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	
Supporting independent living for older people	The Committee to scrutinise the support provided for independent living by older people following on from the original Integrated care across Northamptonshire (iCAN) programme.	To be confirmed	Committee meeting item	Executive Director People Services Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	
Palliative care in West Northamptonshire	The Committee to consider the outcomes of a review of all-age palliative care in West Northamptonshire.	To be confirmed	Committee meeting item	Service leads – NHS Northamptonshire ICB and Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT)	

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Future provision of community equipment	The Committee to provide scrutiny input in development of the specification for a new contract from 2025/26 for supply and installation of community equipment to support independent living.	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Executive Director People Services	Topic identified at the Committee agenda planning meeting on 6 March 2024.
Disabled Facilities Grant	The Committee to provide scrutiny input in a review of the approach to administering DFG in West Northamptonshire.	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Executive Director People Services	Topic identified at the Committee agenda planning meeting on 6 March 2024.
Adult care, public health and wellbeing operating environment	Committee members to receive an overview of West Northamptonshire Council's duties, strategic priorities and challenges relating to the provision of adult care, public health and wellbeing services.	27 April 2024	Briefing session	Executive Director People Services	It was proposed at the Committee agenda planning meeting on 6 March 2024 that this could be covered at a forthcoming Councillors Information Day.
Forthcoming service contracts	The Committee to be advised of any opportunities to provide scrutiny input in developing the requirements for significant service contracts relating to its remit.	Pre-meetings 24 July 2023 6 December 2023 6 March 2024	Standing item at pre-meetings	Executive Director People Services	
Integrated care across Northamptonshire (iCAN) – supporting independent living for frail older people	The Committee to consider: a) An update from the Task and Finish Panel formed to scrutinise progress with the iCAN programme b) Future direction of iCAN	27 June 2023	Committee meeting item	Assistant Director Commissioning and Performance Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	The scrutiny work was carried out in 2022 under the former People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Care Quality Commission inspection of adult social care – preparation	The Committee to provide scrutiny input and constructive challenge regarding West Northamptonshire Council’s self-assessment for the CQC inspection.	27 June 2023	Committee meeting item	Assistant Director Safeguarding and Wellbeing Services Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	
Healthwatch West Northamptonshire Annual Report 2022/23	The Committee to consider the Annual Report to identify any topics for scrutiny that it may suggest.	24 July 2023 pre-meeting	Preliminary discussion at a pre-meeting to inform potential Committee meeting item	NA	
Step-up and step-down community transformation	The Committee to provide scrutiny input and constructive challenge regarding the development of recovery, rehabilitation, assessment, care planning or short-term intensive support services.	14 September 2023	Committee meeting item	Chief Executive, NHS Northamptonshire ICB Managing Director, NHFT Chief Operating Officer, NHFT Assoc. Director for Urgent and Emergency Care, NHS Northamptonshire ICB	
Care quality in care homes	The Committee to provide constructive challenge regarding action by West Northamptonshire Council to support and improve care quality in local residential care and nursing homes for older people.	14 September 2023	Preliminary discussion at a pre-meeting to inform potential Committee meeting item	Executive Director People Services Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	
Integrated care across Northamptonshire (iCAN) scrutiny review final draft report.	The Committee to consider and approve the draft report from the iCAN task and finish panel.	14 September 2023	Committee meeting item	NA	The scrutiny work was carried out in 2022 under the former People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Individual debt and West Northamptonshire Council's approach to debt recovery	The Committee to consider an overview of issues relating to individual debt in West Northamptonshire and the Council's approach to debt recovery.	17 January 2024	Committee meeting item	Assistant Director Revenues and Benefits	The People Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed at its meeting on 21 February 2023 to add this topic to its work programme.
Use of Public Health funding	The Committee to consider an overview of services and activities supported using Public Health funding in West Northamptonshire.	17 January 2024	Committee meeting item	Director of Public Health	This prospective topic was identified by the Chair in October 2023.

#### **Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting dates in 2023/24**

<b>Agenda planning meeting</b>	<b>Committee meeting</b>
23 May 2023	27 June 2023
24 July 2023	14 September 2023
6 December 2023	17 January 2024
6 March 2024	17 April 2024

#### **Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting dates in 2024/25 (subject to confirmation by the Annual Council meeting)**

<b>Agenda planning meeting</b>	<b>Committee meeting</b>
21 May 2024	24 June 2024
22 July 2024	11 September 2024
3 December 2024	15 January 2025
24 February 2025	19 March 2025