

Healthier Communities and Older People Work Programme 2023/24



This table sets out the draft Healthier Communities and Older People Panel Work Programme for 2023/24. This Work Programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate reviews or to comment upon pre-decision items ahead of their consideration by Cabinet/Council.

The work programme table shows items on a meeting-by-meeting basis, identifying the issue under review, the nature of the scrutiny (pre decision, policy development, issue specific, performance monitoring, partnership related) and the intended outcomes. The last page provides information on items on the Council's Forward Plan that relate to the portfolio of the Healthier Communities and Older People Panel so that these can be added to the work programme should the Panel wish to.

Chair: Councillor Agatha Akyigyina
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Meeting date: 5th September 2023 – deadline for reports – 24th August

Item/Issue	How	Lead Member/ Lead Officer	Intended Outcomes
Update on primary care services in: Mitcham well-being Hub at the Wilson, Rowans Surgery and Colliers Wood Surgery	Report to the Panel	Mark Creelman Place Executive, NHS SW London.	Panel to review when services will open what provision will be available to the community.
SW London Primary Care Strategy	Report to the Panel	Mark Creelman Place Executive, NHS SW London.	Panel to review primary care services.
Work Programme 2023-2024	Report to the Panel	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina, Healthier Communities and Older People Panel Chair	To review the topics this Panel will consider in 2023-24

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Meeting Date 31st October 2023 – deadline for reports – 19th October

Item/Issue	How	Lead Member/Lead Officer	Intended Outcomes
Budget and Business Plan – Round 1	Report to the Panel	Councillor Billy Christie, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services	Scrutinise the budget and any send comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission
Carer's strategy	Report to the Panel	Phil Howell Interim Assistant Director for Commissioning	
Update from St George's NHS Trust	Report to the Panel		Panel to receive an overview of key issues and priorities
Report and Recommendations arising from the review of Employment opportunities for people with autism	Report to the Panel	Cllr Caroline Charles, Task Group Chair	To agree the report and recommendations
Work Programme 2023-2024	Report to the Panel	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina, Healthier Communities and Older People Panel Chair	To review the topics this Panel will consider in 2023-24

BUDGET Meeting date – 09 January 2024 Deadline for Reports 28th December 2023

Item/Issue	How	Lead Member/ Lead Officer	Intended Outcomes
Budget and Business Plan 2023-2026	Report to the Panel	Councillor Billy Christie, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services	Scrutinise the budget and any send comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission
St Helier Hospital – update on disrepair	Report to the Panel	James Blythe , Managing Director for Epsom and St Helier. Andrew Asbury , Group Chief Infrastructure, Facilities and Environment Officer.	Review the plans to for the building repair schedule at St Helier Hospital
How to keep people out of hospital The report will focus on: Primary care Secondary care Tertiary service With a look at virtual wards – people cared for at home with remote monitoring.	Report to the Panel	Barry Causer, Head of Strategic Commissioning Mark Creelman Place Executive, NHS SW London.	To look at the work undertaken to treat people outside of a hospital setting
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Meeting Date – 14 February 2024 Deadline for reports 05 February 2024

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Adult Safeguarding Update	Adult Safeguarding Annual Report to the Panel	Aileen Buckton, Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Panel	To review work undertaken over the last 12 months.
Health services for women Focus on: menopause, gynaecological issues, breast screening	Report to the Panel	Barry Causer, Head of Strategic Commissioning Mark Creelman Place Executive, NHS SW London.	To review local health services and identify any gaps in provision
Health services for men - Focus on prostate, heart and bowel cancer.	Report to the Panel	Barry Causer, Head of Strategic Commissioning Mark Creelman Place Executive, NHS SW London.	To review local health services and identify any gaps in provision
Work Programme 2023-2024	Report to the Panel	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina, Healthier Communities and Older People Panel Chair	To review the topics this Panel will consider in 2023-24

Meeting date – 12th March 2023 - Deadline for Reports 1st March 2023

Item/Issue	How	Lead Member/Lead Officer	Intended Outcomes
Bowel and Cancer Screening Schedule	Report to the Panel	Dr Josephine Ruwende (Consultant in Public Health and the Cancer Screening Public Health Lead for NHS London)	Review the take up of local screening in Merton.
Adult Immunisation Schedule	Report to the Panel	Susan Elden , Public Health Consultant – Immunisations, Rehana Ahmed , Senior Immunisation Commissioning Manager, Eleanor Walker-Todd , Immunisation Commissioning Manager NHS England	Review the take up of local immunisation in Merton.
Report of the Health and Wellbeing Board	Report to the Panel	Director of Public Health Councillor Peter McCabe, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care	Review of the work undertaken by the Board over the previous year.
Annual Public Health Report 2023	Report to the Panel	Director of Public Health	Members informed of key issues arising from 2022 Annual Public Health Report
New homecare contract Review delivery of the process and if new providers are performing well.	Report to the Panel	Phil Howell Interim Assistant Director for Commissioning	

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