

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.

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Meeting date: 5th September 2023 (Deadline for reports – 24th August)

| Item/Issue | How | Lead Member/ Lead Officer | Intended Outcomes |
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| 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 |

Meeting Date 21st November 2023 (Deadline for reports – 5pm, 10th November 2023)

| Item/Issue | How | Lead Member/Lead Officer | Intended Outcomes |
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| 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 | Kate Slemeck, Managing Director of St George's) | Panel to receive an overview of key issues and priorities |
| Heathlands Proposal | Report to the Panel | Mark Creelman | |
| 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, HCOP Chair | To review the topics this Panel will consider in 2023-24 |

Meeting date – 24th January 2024 (Deadline for reports – 5pm, 15th January 2024)

| Item/Issue | How | Lead Member/ Lead Officer | Intended Outcomes |
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| 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 |
| 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 – 14 February 2024 (Deadline for reports 05 February 2024)

| Item/Issue | How | Lead Member/Lead Officer | Intended Outcomes |
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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 |
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| 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. |
| New homecare contract | Report to the Panel | Phil Howell Interim Assistant Director for Commissioning | Review delivery of the process and if new providers are performing well. |

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Carry over to June 2024

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| Annual Public Health Report 2023 <i>*The report will not be ready for March</i> | Report to the Panel | Director of Public Health | Members informed of key issues arising from 2022 Annual Public Health Report |
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