

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 3rd January, 2023 at 5.30pm in
Committee Room 1, at City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA**

Membership

Cllrs Ayre, Bond, Butler (Chairman), Chisnall (Vice-Chairman), Heron, Mann, McDonough, Potts, Speding, D. Trueman, Usher and M. Walker

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21st December, 2022

At a meeting of the HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in Committee Room 1 of the CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Present:-

Councillor Butler in the Chair

Councillors Heron, Potts, Speding, D. Trueman, and Usher

Also in attendance:-

Ms. Elaine Coghill – Deputy Director of Nursing, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

Mr. Nigel Cummings – Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Ms. Andrea Hetherington – Director of Corporate Affairs and Legal, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

Ms. Lorraine Hughes – Public Health Specialist, Sunderland City Council

Ms. Claire McManus - Divisional Director, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

Ms. Joanne Stewart – Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillors Ayre, Bond, Chisnall, and M. Walker.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 1st November, 2022

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 1st November, 2022 (copies circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

Councillor Butler made an open declaration as he may have a professional interest in items on the agenda as an employee of North Cumbria Integrated Care Services.

Maternity Services Assurance Update – NHS Foundation Trust

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust submitted a report which provided the Committee with an assurance update on maternity services at the Trust.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Claire McManus, Divisional Director, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust took Members through the report which provided an update on maternity services at South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust as a result of the partial compliance for CNST (Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts) MIS (Maternity Incentive Scheme) reported in the Trust's annual report for 2021/2022. The report covered a number of key issues including:-

- Maternity Service Provision – the last two years;
- Maternity Services in Sunderland; and
- Maternity Assurance Update.

The Chairman thanked Ms. McManus for her informative report and referred to the sum of £380,000 which had been awarded; against the bid of £932,000; and asked what the effects were of only being granted a third of the overall bid. Ms. McManus advised that they had to prioritise where the investment went and explained that the grant was based on levelling up across the country and as a region they were in a good position in relation to staffing. The monies would go directly into the frontline midwifery services.

Councillor Butler advised that his sister spoke very highly of the maternity services but had mentioned that at her most recent appointment she had noted that there were six people who had failed to arrive for their appointment and asked what measures, if any, could be taken and was advised that from a Trust perspective there was a policy around improving attendance at appointments and that from a maternity perspective there would be a follow up from the patient's midwife who would also be working with them.

Councillor Heron commented that she had been horrified at some of the findings of the Ockenden and East Kent reports but praised those who were involved in the changeover of the maternity services in the Trust and felt that overall it was a great report. She commented that she was not a fan of having to bid for funding for services that were so vital and Ms. Hetherington commented that the Trust had also made an additional investment to the maternity service as there were obviously a lot of actions that had come from the reports which needed to be completed; whilst ensuring that the day to day work of the services was not suffering.

Councillor McDonough commented that the reports highlighted a lack of compassion and kindness; which he found very worrying; but asked how that could be taught and how they were making sure that their staff had these traits and was advised that as an organisation they had values based recruitment and a behaviour compact so that across the board there was a focus around compassion, kindness, honesty and openness but it was difficult as teams had experienced so much and had been so under pressure that it could affect staff. They were supporting teams and reminding them of the principles and also doing more work with the teams to help them work together, having a common focus and bonding to become a stronger multi-professional team which was really crucial in maternity services. Ms. Coghill also

advised that following recruitment, staff went through a care certificate programme so that there was support given to them from day one.

In response to a follow up query from Councillor McDonough, Ms. McManus informed Members that she was not aware of non-attendance at appointments being down to the patient having previous bad experiences with the service.

Councillor Mann congratulated the service on being compliant with the seven Ockenden IEA's as set out in the appendix to the report and could see the great improvements that were being made in the service but raised her concerns in relation to poor fetal monitoring and poor bereavement care which had been some of the emerging findings and was pleased to hear that there had been a dedicated bereavement midwife put in place. Councillor Mann also asked if some statistics could be provided on the improvements in fetal monitoring which Ms. McManus advised they could provide. Ms. McManus also advised that the pre-term birth service was one of the services they had invested in to expand and enhance, explaining that they now had a consultant lead and dedicated clinics with a new consultant also being appointed to the service.

In response to a question from Councillor Usher as to what was being done to retain staff, Ms. McManus as advised that they had a dedicated patient and staff experienced lead midwife who was doing a lot of work with the team on engagement and events, being a conduit for the staff and working with the senior team and the Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery. They were trying to raise the profile of the services through other professionals in the organisation and trying to improve the experience for staff whilst recognising the difficulties they face. The Royal College of Nursing had reviewed some national statistics in terms of workforce and initially they had felt that the country was 1,600 midwives short which had now risen to 2,000 due to pressures and staff wanting to leave the profession.

Ms. Hetherington also advised that the pressures in the service could lead to staff wanting to change direction of their career but informed Members that they had been holding frequent engagement events with the Chief Executive where staff could sit and talk to them so they could understand the pressures they were under, especially following the reviews which had put a spotlight on maternity services.

Responding to a follow up question from Councillor Usher regarding how parents were helped following pre-term bereavement, Ms. Hetherington advised that for a number of years they had been fortunate to have support from the 4Louis Charity and they had a dedicated suite they could offer to families who suffered that tragic experience. She also explained that they had their own charity so they could continue to fund any additions or replenishments to the provision if needed.

Councillor Mann referred to the summary of the Ockenden report and endorsed that the changes could not happen overnight and recognised that every Trust in the country would be trying to secure funding to improve services and commented that she felt that what the Trust were doing and how they were prioritising the service was going in the right direction as they were hearing improved feedback from residents in their wards.

Councillor Speding commented that retention of staff appeared to be an issue across all departments in the NHS and asked at what point does the handover occur from

maternity services to the community services, i.e. health visitors, etc. as there always seemed to be a disconnect between those services in the past. Ms. McManus advised that the Ockenden report had not specifically referred to any concerns in relation to this and explained that it referred to the maternity wards partnership and increasing their involvement in all aspects of maternity care. The family hubs helped in terms of post-natal care through joined up working across health, local authority and public health services.

Ms. Hughes advised that the role of the Health Visitor was another that was under a lot of pressure and a workforce that was really struggling and they were in a position where there were constant vacancies across the provision. Through workforce forecasting they understood what future staffing was needed so they looked to recruit at every opportunity and were aware that there was a national campaign launching soon to help as they knew there were big implications and challenges if positions continued to remain vacant.

Councillor Mann asked if they found that the massive delays in DBS checks was having any effect on filling positions and was informed that this was an issue; made even worse as they could not be chased up until 60 days after submission.

The Chairman thanked Ms. McManus for her report and attendance, and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the content of the report be received and noted.

Health Protection Arrangements Update

The Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities submitted a report which provided the Committee with an update on health protection arrangements in Sunderland.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Lorraine Hughes, Public Health Specialist, took Members through the report advising that the protection of the health of the population was one of the legally mandated responsibilities given to local authorities as part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Committee were informed that the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities was responsible for the discharge of Sunderland's health protection functions.

Members were advised that the report included the health protection assurance report which was produced annually to provide an overview of health protection arrangements and some relevant activity across the city. The report had been endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 30 September, 2022.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Hughes for her report and invited comments and questions from Members of the Committee.

In response to a question from Councillor Mann as to how the Health Protection Team (HPT), based at Newcastle, would work should the region be hit with a dose of diphtheria for instance which was prevalent at the moment, and was informed by Ms. Hughes that the risk status at present was low as the vaccination rate of the

population was very high. There had been no recorded cases locally or regionally and they were kept up to date by the HPT. A national incident had been established to manage the issue and health protection advice had been given and followed. If they were made aware that there was an urgent incident then they would have an Outbreak Control Team (OCT) convened that day and action would be undertaken rapidly.

Councillor Mann also asked what could be done about conspiracy theories that circulated and may be stopping residents from taking up the booster vaccination and was advised that they continued to push the correct message out to residents, promoting what they needed to do to get the booster. They had arranged Facebook live question and answer events and they would continue to use social media, leaflets, the Council website and other methods to promote the taking up of it. Ms. Hughes commented that should Councillors have any further ways to promote the message she would be happy to consider them.

Councillor Mann also asked about private agency staff being given the flu vaccination as it was a concern of hers when they were going into care homes in the city and Ms. Hughes advised that she was aware that some agencies did pay for their staff to have those vaccinations as it was in their own interests to do that to ensure staff capacity but obviously this could not be enforced.

In closing, Councillor Mann congratulated them on the winter vaccination programme in the community centres; catching up with the pregnant population, and the brilliant idea of tying in with the Council warm spaces initiative sites.

Councillor McDonough referred to the fact that the report did not refer to business outside of government organisations and asked if they were looking to put anything in place so that should there be another pandemic, similar to CoVid, they would be able to reach them easier to offer support and possibly immunisation programmes as well. Ms. Hughes commented that individuals were contacted directly for vaccinations; and in terms of the booster vaccination not everyone would be eligible. Different groups were contacted and provided with their immunisations via different routes and some of the larger businesses would have their own occupational health teams that would also consider these issues and would lead on the business' approach as to if and how they would promote such a service.

In response to a further question from Councillor McDonough regarding promoting those messages to businesses, Ms. Hughes advised that there was the Healthy Work Award Programmes, which businesses signed up to, and an element of it to gain their accreditation was vaccination uptake and the vaccination offer.

Ms. Hughes also advised the Committee that should there be another pandemic or new virus they had learnt from their experiences during CoVid whereby they were having regular situation reports and providing a lot of active communications to businesses and workplaces giving guidance and support.

Councillor Speding asked if the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening had been restored and Ms. Hughes advised she would need to ask NHS England colleagues and get a response to him.

Councillor Speding asked if they could get some figures regarding the longevity of residents in the city and Ms. Hughes advised that the information was still available and updated annually and was included in the Public Health Annual Report which was submitted to this Committee.

Councillor Mann referred to the CoVid vaccination uptake for the spring booster set out ward by ward in the report and the low uptake for the Hendon and Millfield wards and was advised that multiple questions had been asked on several occasions at previous meetings and a whole suite of programmes to try and increase the level of uptake had been undertaken. Ms. Hughes advised that the evergreen offer would always be available but there was a lot of resource on the autumn/winter booster vaccinations at the moment. They continued to promote the vaccination programme in as many ways as possible but should Councillors have any further suggestions she would be happy to consider them.

Councillor Butler advised that he was happy to be contacted to provide the service in the Thompson Park Community Centre which was one of the sites for the Council's warm space initiative.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Hughes for her report and the information provided, and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the Committee noted the content of the presentation and the information provided.

Work Programme 2022/2023

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Members' Support Coordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which attached the current work programme for the year and also provided an update on a number of potential topics, as raised by Members, for the Committee's consideration.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, presented the report advising that the report included a number of potential topics to consider along with a draft Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022/23. He informed the Committee that the work programme was a 'living' document and could continue to incorporate emerging issues as and when they arose throughout the forthcoming year.

Members having considered the report and update, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the work programme, including amendments, and the update on topics for review during 2022/23, be received and noted.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Strategic Director of People, Communications and Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Members with an opportunity to consider those

items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28 day period from 9 November, 2022.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, having advised that if any further Members wished to receive further information on any of the items contained in the notice they should contact him directly, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the Notice of Key Decisions be received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their participation.

(Signed) M. BUTLER,
Chairman.

NHS NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA ICB PERFORMANCE REPORT

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLACE (SUNDERLAND) – NORTH EAST AND
NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on the performance of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board and in particular Sunderland.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is responsible for ensuring that high quality and safe health services are accessible to all our communities. It has a wide range of functions including; promoting integration of health and care services, improving people's health and wellbeing, and reducing health inequalities.
- 2.2 ICB staff also work at place level with local health and wellbeing boards in each of the 13 local authority areas. These teams also work alongside 64 primary care networks which are groups of local GP practices, social care teams and other community-based area providers.
- 2.3 The ICB works with our Provider Collaborative too, this includes the 11 NHS foundation trusts in the region to deliver our shared priorities.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 A presentation is attached at **appendix one** of this report and covers a number of key performance issues including:
- Urgent Care;
 - Planned Care;
 - Cancer; and
 - Mental Health.
- 3.2 Representation from the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (Sunderland) will be in attendance at the meeting to provide the update on performance and answer any questions that Members of the Committee may have.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are asked to note and comment on the presentation.

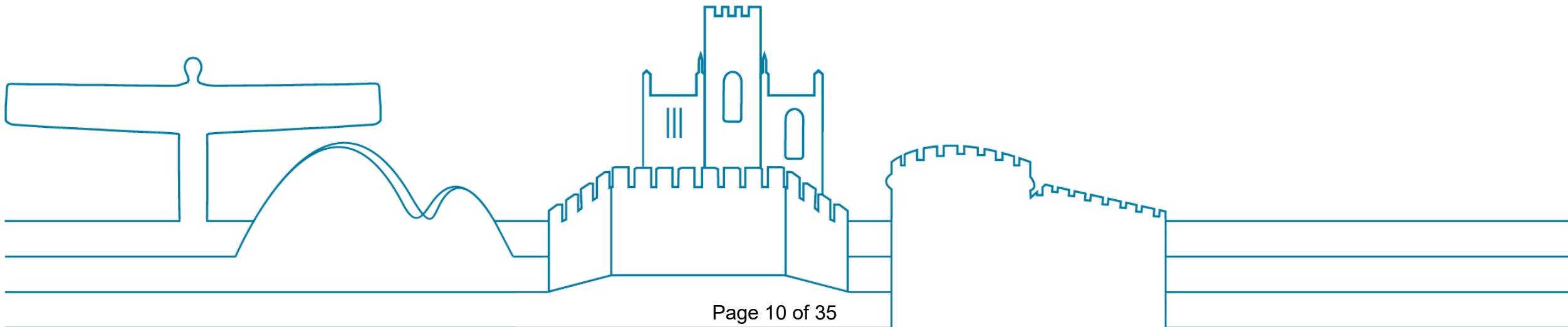
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NHS North East & North Cumbria ICB – Sunderland

Performance Report – January'23



Key points

- Winter and staffing pressures across the health and care system continues to impact on the delivery of a number of key national and local performance indicators
- Planned care performance improved slightly based on the latest information but remains susceptible to 'winter pressures'
 - Referral to Treatment (RTT) continues to be strong in Sunderland with very long waiters relatively low compared to other areas
 - Diagnostics continues to improve overall with some pressures in key test areas such as sleep studies and ultrasound
- Urgent care continues to be under significant pressure, linked to flow across the health and care system.
- Ambulance services continue to be under significant pressure due to demand and workforce pressures
- Access to mental health services remains an ongoing issue, particularly for children and young people and inpatient admissions
- Cancer performance remains volatile due to increased referrals and the impact of diagnostic pressures

Urgent Care (1)

Accident and Emergency- performance continues to be **challenging** due to workforce issues and increased demand linked to seasonal pressures (e.g. 'flu, Strep A)

Performance Standard: 95% of patients to be treated within 4 hours

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sunderland	69.0%	71.7%	70.5%	70.3%	74.1%	74.0%	65.7%	65.6%	57.6%
Target	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
North East and North Cumbria	68.7%	74.1%	70.8%	69.4%	69.4%	70.2%	64.5%		
England	75.2%	76.0%	75.1%	74.2%	74.6%	74.1%	72.6%		

Mitigations:

- Partnership approach across Sunderland and South Tyneside to manage flow and pressures across the health and care system
- Winter plan agreed and additional capacity mobilised across the system including additional community beds, support to general practice and in social care
- Additional national funding available to support hospital discharge (December submission)
- Co-location of urgent treatment centre alongside A&E to improve streaming of patients to most appropriate place

Urgent Care (2)

Ambulance Response Times and Integrated Urgent Care – performance continues to be **challenging** due to increased demand and workforce pressures

Performance Standard: Ambulance response times (999), targets included below.

	Category 1		Category 2	
October'22	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
Sunderland	00:07:00	00:07:57	00:18:00	01:05:04
NEAS	00:07:00	00:08:09	00:18:00	00:57:34

Mitigation:

- Additional national funding secured in 2022/23 for staff
- Continued focus on improving ambulance handover delays with a new standard operating procedure being implemented across the NENC ICS
- Third operational centre now live to increase resilience and call handling capability across the region
- Additional transport commissioned for urgent general practice requests

Planned Care (1)

Referral to Treatment (RTT) – performance continues to be **strong** in Sunderland, but pressures now increasing due usual ‘winter pressures’.

Performance Standard: 92% of patients to be treated within 18 weeks of referral and reduction in very long waiters (those waiting less than 2 years (104 weeks) and 1 year (52 weeks))

Standard	Target	Performance	Previous Month	Previous Year
% Patients Waiting Less than 18 Weeks	92.00%	76.70%	75.40%	81.60%
Over 104 Week Waiters	0	0	0	14
Over 78 Week Waiters	0 By Apr'23	27	7	37
Over 52 Week Waiters	< 2021/22	306	291	252

Mitigations:

- Additional capacity secured with the Independent Sector via national elective recovery funds
- Additional national funding in place for 2022/23 to secure additional capacity for elective care in key specialities such as orthopaedics and general surgery
- Waiting Well initiative in place supporting patients who are waiting longer than they would normally

Planned Care (2)

Diagnostic waiting times – performance continues to **improve** but pressures remain in key diagnostic test areas due to some capacity constraints.

Performance Standard: No more than 1% of patients waiting longer than 6 weeks for a diagnostic test

	Performance	Previous Month	Previous Year
% Patients Waiting > 6 Weeks	25.9%	29.0%	38.4%
Patients waiting 6-13 weeks	1,126	217	723
Patients waiting over 13 weeks	81	1,146	1,461

Mitigations:

- Additional workforce in place for echocardiography with additional capacity commissioned by providers using national funding. Backlog has reduced significantly and on plan to meet the national requirement in March'23. Backlog reduced from 1,300 to 79 in October'22
- Additional capacity being mobilised in sleep studies due to increased demand
- Additional capacity in place for endoscopy
- Working group established to review GP access to diagnostic imaging pathways in Sunderland
- Additional capacity in the process of being mobilised in South Tyneside District Hospital for CT and MRI

Cancer

Diagnostic waiting times – performance remains **volatile** due to pressures in diagnostic imaging and increased demand for cancer services

Performance Standard: National standards included in the table below. National move to the Faster Diagnosis Standard expected in the coming months

Standard	OperationalStandard	TotalTreated	Treated in time	Breaches	%Performance
2 Week Wait	93%	1,273	1,100	173	86.4%
2 Week Wait (Breast Symptoms)	93%	38	22	16	57.9%
31 Day First Treatment	96%	171	165	6	96.5%
31 Day Subsequent Treatment	98%	134	129	5	96.3%
62 Day Treatment	85%	105	76	29	72.4%
28 Days 2WW (Faster Diagnosis)	75%	1,211	975	236	80.5%

Mitigations:

- Continued focus on reducing delays across cancer pathways and implementing faster diagnosis standards including improvements in radiology access and reporting times
- Targeted Lung Health Check (TLHC) programme implemented in Sunderland which will improve early diagnosis of lung cancer and improve the survival rate for those diagnosed with cancer. Programme went live October'22 and capacity will increase over the coming months
- Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT) in place with for bowel screening to improve bowel cancer diagnosis
- Faster diagnosis standard delivered for two week wait overall and for breast symptoms

Mental Health

Children and Young People's Mental Health - performance remains **challenging** as demand continues to outpace pre-pandemic levels, impacting on access standards

- Single point of access (SPoA) on target to go live in March'23 to help ensure the needs of CYP are met and the most appropriate services are accessed
- iTHRIVE model launched in November'22 which will change the way CYP mental health services are delivered
- Support to schools in place via a Mental Health Support Team with an additional team starting across a further 20 schools

Adult Mental Health – performance remains **challenging** in a number of areas linked to demand, bed availability and workforce pressures

- IAPT services have seen a significant increase in demand over the last couple of months and expecting further increases linked to the cost of living crisis. New single point of access in place with additional support to practices via additional roles for MH workers
- Continued focus on the most vulnerable with health checks being delivered for learning disabilities and people with serious mental illness. Sunderland continues to deliver higher health check rates compared to peers.
- Work ongoing via ATB to support the transformation of community mental health services – 'no wrong door' approach.

WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT
COORDINATOR**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the current work programme for the Committee's work during the 2022-23 Council year.
- 1.2 The report also provides an update on a number of potential topics as raised by Members, for the Committee's consideration.

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme is a living document which Committee can develop throughout the year. As a living document the work programme allows Members and Officers to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.
- 2.2 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.3 The work programme should reflect the remit of the Committee and the need to balance its responsibility for undertaking scrutiny, performance management and policy review (where necessary).

3. WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee raised a number of issues at its work programme development session and a number of these issues have now been programmed into the Committee's work programme for 2022/23.
- 3.2 A number of topics were considered for review and an update on each of these has been provided below for information and further discussion:

Potential Task and Finish work programme items	
Challenges of Adult Social Care in Sunderland (Sunderland City Council)	The Committee is to look at the challenges of adult social care in Sunderland and this is the first task and finish working group that is to be established. Terms of reference and scope of the work have been submitted to the Committee for agreement. <i>This work is now underway.</i>

Alcohol Strategy (Sunderland City Council)	An opportunity to look at the development of the strategy and ensure it has the right focus and how impact of the strategy will be monitored and measured.
Adult Mental Health Strategy (Sunderland CCG & CNTW)	To look at the progress on the Adult Mental Health Strategy for the City and look to include input from service providers. Potential to look at this from a neighbourhood perspective and how services are accessed. <i>A report on this is now expected at 28 February 23 Meeting.</i>
GP Access in Sunderland	To understand the role of primary care- raising awareness of the new roles and multidisciplinary teams that now make up General Practice (the different roles and what each does) which can offer alternative appropriate appointments for patients to a GP appointment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to GP appointments- Face to face / Telephone/ Virtual • Out of Hours provision- to include GP Extended Access and out of hours GP service • Patient experience of using GP and Primary care services <i>A report on this is now expected at 28 March 23 Committee Meeting.</i>

4. Recommendations

4.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:

- (a) notes and comments on the work programme of the committee, including amendments: and
- (b) notes the update on topics for review during 2022/23.

5. Background Papers

5.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION		5 JULY 22 D/L:24 JUNE 22	27 SEPTEMBER 22 D/L:2 SEPT 22	4 OCTOBER 22 D/L: 23 SEPT 22	1 NOVEMBER 22 D/L: 21 OCT 22	29 NOVEMBER 22 D/L: 19 NOV 22	3 JANUARY 23 D/L: 23 DEC 23	31 JANUARY 23 D/L: 20 JAN 23	28 FEBRUARY 23 D/L: 17 FEB 23	28 MARCH 23 D/L: 17 MAR 23
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business		Public Health – Annual Report (Gerry Taylor) Dental Services Update (NHS Improvement)	Task and Finish Working (Nigel Cummings)	Winter Planning (ATB/ICB) SSAB Annual Report (Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board) Social Care Health Check (Graham King/Ann Dingwall)	Elective Surgery – Update (NHS FT) Integrated Care System Update (Scott Watson – ICB)	Health Protection Arrangements incl. Flu Immunisation Update (Public Health) Maternity Services Assurance Update (NHS FT)	ICB Sunderland Update (Scott Watson)	North East Ambulance Service Update (Mark Cotton) Decent Homes Update (Graham Scanlon)	MH Strategy Update (Sunderland ICB) Annual Report (Nigel Cummings)	GP Access Review Update (Sunderland ICB)
Performance / Service Improvement										
Consultation/ Information & Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 21 December 2022.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Notice of Key Decisions) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.2 To this end, the most recent version of the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions is included on the agenda of this Committee. The Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 21 December 2022 is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee could make a contribution which would add value prior to the decision being taken.
- 3.2 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 To consider the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 21 December 2022 at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Cabinet Agenda

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The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or in private) and of Executive Decisions including key decisions) intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

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220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220725/725	To approve the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221121/734	To provide an update and to seek approval for the change in delivery approach in respect of the Sunderland Heat Network.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221006/744	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221026/748	To provide an update on the disposal of the former Civic Centre site	Cabinet	N	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221101/750	To consider the outcome of the review of the governance and contract arrangements for Together for Children Sunderland Limited and approve the recommended next steps.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221123/754	To seek approval to procure a contractor and negotiate and enter into a build contract for the delivery of 13 one bed apartments at James William Street.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221123/755	To seek approval to increase housing rents for Sunderland City Council tenants with effect from 3 April 2023.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221130/756	To seek approval to procure a contractor and, negotiate and enter into a build contract in the delivery of 55 nos. bungalows and apartments for over 55s at land at St Luke Road.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221201/757	To approve the Third Capital Review 2022/2023 (including Treasury Management).	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221201/758	To approve the Third Revenue Review 2022/2023.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221201/759	To approve the Council Tax Base 2023/2024.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221201/760	To approve the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2023-2024.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221201/761	To approve the Revenue Budget 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 – Update and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221206/762	To approve the purchase of the property; 1 Nookside, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221207/763	To consider the Homes England Compliance Audit Report - Provider's Acknowledgement of Report.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221212/764	To approve a scheme of external and internal refurbishment works to Washington and Houghton Le Spring Library.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220207/691	To approve the acquisition of strategic sites in the Commercial Road Area.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220621/720	To approve funding options in respect of development at Nile and Villiers Street Sunnyside.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220719/723	To seek approval for the acquisition of Property at Crowtree Road and to grant a lease of the former Crowtree Leisure Centre	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220822/736	To update Cabinet on progress of the New Wear Footbridge ("the Scheme") and seek approval to award the main works contract for the Scheme.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221018/746	To consider the acquisition of land and buildings at Cowies Way, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221018/747	To consider a disposal of land at Silksworth Road, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221110/753	To seek approval for the Disposal of an Industrial Property in Washington.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221212/765	To endorse the North East Bus Service Improvement Plan Enhanced Partnership and Scheme and to delegate to the Executive Director of City Development any last minute changes to the Plan and Scheme that arise through the consultation process.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221215/766	To seek approval of a framework of Tree Planting and Maintenance approved contractors.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221216/767	To seek approval to acquire St. Cuthbert's Methodist Church and associated land to enable the build of 6 specialist supported bungalows and approval to procure a contractor and enter into a build contract for the delivery of the bungalows.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221216/768	To seek approval to acquire the former Halfway House Public House and, negotiate and enter into a build contract with Bright Ideas in the delivery of 8nos. 1-bed apartments for supported accommodation.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221220/769	To approve the 2023 Siglion Business Plan	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221220/770	<p>To approve the carrying out of a procurement exercise in order to establish a framework for ground investigation works and geotechnical services.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Executive Director of City Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to conclude the contractual arrangements.</p>	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	<p>Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA</p> <p>committees@sunderland.gov.uk</p>
210709/612	To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to deliver the Washington F-Pit Museum Heritage Visitor Centre and Albany Park Improvement project, including the procurement of consultants and contractors.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 19 January to 31 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	<p>Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA</p> <p>committees@sunderland.gov.uk</p>

Note; Some of the documents listed may not be available if they are subject to an exemption, prohibition or restriction on disclosure.

Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Governance Services at the address below.

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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Who will decide;

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader & Clean Green City; Councillor Paul Stewart - Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – Dynamic City.

This is the membership of Cabinet as at the date of this notice. Any changes will be specified on a supplementary notice.

Elaine Waugh,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

21 December 2022