

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28th November, 2023 at 5.30pm in
Committee Room 1, at City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA**

Membership

Cllrs Bond, Burnicle, Graham-King, Haque, Heron, Hunter, Jones (Vice-Chairman), Speding, Usher (Chairman), Walton and M. Walker

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20 November, 2023

At a meeting of the HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in Committee Room 1 of the CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Present:-

Councillor Usher in the Chair

Councillors, Bond, Burnicle, Haque, Heron, Hunter, Jones, Speding, M. Walker and Walton.

Also in attendance:-

Nigel Cummings – Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Philip Foster – Managing Director, All Together Better.

Andrea Hetherington - Director of Corporate Affairs and Legal, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

David Noon – Principal Democratic Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Gillian Robinson – Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Coordinator, Sunderland City Council

Gerry Taylor – Executive Director Health, Housing and Communities, Sunderland City Council

Scott Watson – Director of Place (Sunderland), NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillor Graham-King.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 3 October 2023

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 3 October 2023 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

Councillor Jones made an open declaration as an employee of the North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS (NCIC) and Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trusts (CNTW).

Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

The Director of Place (Sunderland), NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with a performance update as at end of September, 2023.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Scott Watson, Director of Place (Sunderland), NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) presented the report highlighting a number of performance issues including indicators relating to the key areas of Urgent Care; Planned Care; Cancer; and Mental Health, together with any mitigations undertaken. It was important to note that industrial action, winter and staffing pressures across the health and care system would continue to impact on the delivery of a number of key national and local performance indicators.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Watson for his comprehensive presentation and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

Councillor Hunter referred to the expansion of the Mental Health Support Team into schools and asked if the 10 schools referred to were primary, secondary, or a mixture of both. Mr Watson replied that they were primarily secondary schools as this was where the demand was. It was hoped that the offer could also be expanded into primary schools.

Councillor Bond referred to Mr Watson's 'a bit of a mixed bag' description of the performance and suggested that in fact national standards were not being met in respect of any of the indicators. He asked if there were any timescales regarding when these standards were likely to be met. Mr Watson replied that the situation in Sunderland was far from unique. Only a handful of trusts across the country met these standards. Regionally and compared to many trusts nationally, Sunderland's performance was good. He anticipated that by the end of the next financial year the performance figure would be up to the 75% mark and within the next 18 to 24 months would be close to the national standard indicator.

Councillor Haque pointed out that urgent care performance did not hit North East or Regional targets and that there had also been a drop in performance in respect of patients waiting for more than 6 weeks. Mr Watson explained that both the planned care diagnostic waiting times and urgent care performance faced challenges relating to capacity, industrial action, seasonal pressures and increased demand. Whilst diagnostic waiting times were improving, this indicator faced its biggest challenge during periods of industrial action as priority was given over to urgent care. With regard to urgent care, it was hoped that the decision to co-locate the GP out of hours service within the Urgent Treatment Centre would help performance.

Councillor Speding noted that the orthopaedic situation had not shown any sign of improvement historically, and expressed doubts that it ever would. He stated that there was anecdotal evidence to suggest that surgeons were switching from NHS patients to take up more private health care work. The advertising around private health care often cited the ability to jump the NHS queue as one of the advantages. Mr Watson replied that waiting times in Sunderland for orthopaedic treatment were better than many of its regional neighbours and in particular Newcastle but conceded that they still remained long. It was true that more people were opting to go private, the ICB were very conscious of this and aware of the advertising campaigns that encouraged it. There were key priorities that the ICB wanted to drive forward and the last thing it wanted was to see the rise of a two-tier system. Ms Hetherington added that all consultants were required to fulfil their NHS contracts. It was not the case that they could just drop an NHS patient to treat a private patient.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Walton as to whether any trusts met the performance standard in relation to planned care, Mr Watson advised that some did regionally. The issue impacting on waiting times in Sunderland had been capacity in relation to non-obstetric ultrasound. Additional capacity was now in place and an education and engagement programme was to be implemented. Additional capacity in relation to MRI scanning was also to be implemented in South Tyneside District Hospital and the ICB were looking at ways to allow GPs to refer directly into the radiography service.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Walton asked if there was enough equipment available to cater for the increased capacity? Ms Hetherington confirmed that this was the case and there were also a number of mobile scanners available. The main issue affecting performance was staffing rather than any lack of equipment.

Councillor Jones stated that child mental health had been a challenge before the pandemic. She asked if the situation was worse now and if this was the result of chronic under-funding from central government. Mr Watson replied that it would not be appropriate for him to address the political aspect of the question however with regard to the challenges, he advised that there had been a growth in the complexity of the referrals. Whilst there had been no deep dive research undertaken as yet, there was anecdotal evidence to suggest that the prolonged periods of isolation enforced during lockdowns had been a contributing factor. It was noticeable that more referrals were being received directly from schools.

The Chair asked how the Waiting Well Initiative was proceeding, how patients were reacting to it and was it helping to manage expectations and concerns? Mr Watson advised that the initiative was working well and in terms of evaluation from the perspective of patients the feedback had been very positive. The initiative had been introduced on a pilot basis however the ICB would be looking to mainstream it given the positive evaluation. The Chair then referred to Faster Diagnostic Standard for Cancer and asked how it was progressing and what did it mean for patients. Mr Watson replied that the standard was progressing well with a performance of 87%. The measure was now a lot more transparent and it was hoped that the improved early diagnosis of cancer would improve the survival rates for patients.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Bond, Mr Watson confirmed that if all current vacancies were filled then it was more likely that performance standards would be reached. In response to a further enquiry from Councillor Bond, Mr Watson confirmed that salaries for vacant positions were provided for in the budget.

Councillor Bond suggested that a hospital that carried out both NHS and private health services would be incentivised to prioritise private work as the rewards were greater. Mr Watson replied that he could understand why people would feel that was the case, however in terms of the hospital referred to by Councillor Bond, its business model was not set up that way.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked Mr Watson for his attendance, and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the information provided be received and noted.

Sunderland Winter Planning

All Together Better Sunderland submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an overview of the winter resilience plans in the city for 2023/24.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Philip Foster – Managing Director, All Together Better presented the key elements of the report including: -

- The review of the 2022/23 winter plan, highlighting what worked well and areas identified for improvement,
- The 'Whole System Approach' being taken in respect of the 2023/24 plan and the development of a new transition from hospital service model,
- The Covid and Flu Vaccination programme on offer in Sunderland including cohort eligibility and campaign timings,
- Services in respect of Mental Health,
- Interdependencies of the Winter Plan with other service developments,
- Key continuity and resilience risks together with the assurance provided through the All Together Better Alliance Command and Control Group.

The Chairman thanked Mr Foster for his report and invited questions and comments from Members.

Councillor Bond welcomed the establishment of the 'Transfer of Care Hub' as part of the new transition from hospital service model. He stated that it made sense that the ICB funded the first part the transfer and asked what the funding provided. In response the Committee was advised that it provided funding for the first two weeks of care after leaving hospital.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Walton, Mr Foster explained that the aim of the Care Hub was to enable the quick discharge of patients who no longer required hospital care and where home or a community setting was the best place for them to continue their recovery. It was hoped that the hub would enable a reduction in discharge waiting times of up to 25%. To put this in context, Mr Watson advised that a reduction of 25% was the equivalent of the freeing up of a whole hospital ward.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Walton, Mr Foster confirmed that the success of the Hub would depend on the planned increase in social care capacity. Additional capacity in the domiciliary care sector was being established and the All Together Better Alliance was working with the Local Authority to 'block out hours' to enable the alignment of the model with the Local Authority's social work teams and reablement at home service.

Councillor Speding described the quicker discharge of patients to their homes as the desired 'utopia' and asked if it was achievable? Mr Foster confirmed that providing care as close to a person's home as possible was what people wanted. There was no doubt that there were growing pressures on social care and as a result services were striving to be more creative and innovative, for example, in the increasing use

of assistive technology and an emphasis on the importance of prevention together with the impact that lifestyles made to a person's health. It was a fine balance.

In response to an enquiry from the Chairman, regarding high frequency users of the Emergency Department, Mr Foster advised that it was recognised there was a group of patients who would use the A and E Department as their first port of call for any health issue. The cases were often complex, concerning patients that led chaotic lives, who suffered from mental health issues and or drug and alcohol dependencies. A new steering group taking a multi-agency approach would review the list of high frequency users and agree appropriate interventions for staff supporting patients to take forward. Councillor Jones welcomed the approach being taken.

With regard to the vaccination programme, Councillor Jones asked if the indefinite GO North East bus strike would impact on the ability of people to receive their injections. Mr Foster replied that a key feature of the vaccination programme was that it was delivered at a local level to eliminate the need to travel as much as possible. The situation would continue to be monitored however there had been no drop off in take up to date.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked Mr Foster for his attendance, and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the information provided be received and noted.

Annual Work Programme 2023/24

The Scrutiny, Members and Mayoral Support Coordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which briefed members on the development of the Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2023/24 and appended a copy of the programme for Members' consideration.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Nigel Cummings, Scrutiny Officer presented the report and briefed the Committee on the current position regarding those items already scheduled on the work programme and those waiting to be programmed in on a suitable date. In addition, Mr Cummings briefed the Committee on the Smart House opening day to which members would receive an invitation and the availability of on-line Scrutiny Training.

With regard to the Suicide Prevention Update due to be presented at the Committee's meeting on 16th January, members were informed that Washington Mind had offered to provide a training session for the Committee.

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted and that the training offer from Washington Mind be accepted.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Scrutiny, Members and Mayoral Support Coordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an opportunity to consider those items on

the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28 day period from the 11th October 2023.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The Committee was advised that if Members had any issues to raise or required further detail on any of the items included in the notice, (that were within the purview of the Committee), they should contact Mr Cummings for initial assistance.

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

There being no further items of business, the Chairman closed the meeting having thanked members and officers for their attendance and contributions.

(Signed) J. USHER,
Chairman.

**SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – CQC
ACTION PLAN**

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NURSING SOUTH TYNESIDE AND
SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on the Foundation Trust's action plan following inception by the Care Quality Commission.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following inspection in June and August by the Care Quality Commission South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust was given an overall rating of 'Requires Improvement' from the previous rating of 'Good'.
- 2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are interested to seek assurances from the Foundation Trust that steps are being taken to address the improvements highlighted in the CQC inspection report.
- 2.3 The Foundation Trust has developed an action plan which looks to address these points.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 A presentation is attached at **appendix one** of this report and covers key points from the Foundation Trust's action plan including:
- Must and Should Do Actions;
 - Action Plan;
 - Progress to Date; and
 - How Do We Get Back To 'Good'.
- 3.2 Representation from the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust will be in attendance at the meeting to provide the update on the action plan 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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South Tyneside and Sunderland
NHS Foundation Trust

STSFT CQC Action Plan

Karen Sheard
Deputy Director of Nursing



Background and rating changes

- Unannounced Inspection on 21-22 June 22
- Scheduled Well-led Inspection 8-11 August 22
- Maternity services and acute medical wards
- Overall rating 'Good' to 'Requires Improvement'
- No areas rated as 'Inadequate'
- Majority remain as 'Good' (58%)

Ratings for the whole trust

Safe	Effective	Caring	Responsive	Well-led	Overall
Requires Improvement ↔ Feb 2023	Requires Improvement ↓ Feb 2023	Good ↔ Feb 2023	Requires Improvement ↓ Feb 2023	Requires Improvement ↓ Feb 2023	Requires Improvement ↓ Feb 2023

Positive feedback

- Caring remained 'Good'
- Our core values are at the heart of what we do

Wonderful care and compassion of staff

The Trust's commitment to digital innovation had received national and international recognition.

Staff were committed to continually learning and improving services.

Staff were amazing and their care was excellent

Senior leaders had the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively lead the Trust.

Leaders including the Board were visible and approachable in the Trust for patients and staff.

The Trust had a vision for what it wanted to achieve and had recently launched a new strategy to turn it into action, developed with all relevant stakeholders.

Must and Should Do Actions

	Trust wide	Maternity	Medicine	Total
Must Do	14	11	19	44
Should Do	0	0	2	2
Total	14	11	21	46

- Governance processes – good patient care observed
- Recording and escalation of risks
- Care of people with mental health, learning disabilities or autism
- Nurse and midwifery staffing
- Mandatory training and appraisal
- WHO safer surgery checklist

Action Plan

- SMART action plan
- Dynamic
- Evidence
- Detailed forward plans
- Focus on improvement and sustainability
- Monitored through governance structure
- External Well-Led review by Deloitte

Progress to date

Core Service	Completed – continue to monitor	Open (within deadline)	Extension requested*
Maternity	5	4	2
Medicine	14	5	2
Trust wide	9	4	1
Total	28	13	5

Extensive improvements made, including:

- Staff – LD Team Manager and DoLS/MCA/MH Lead
- Training compliance MCA level 1 and 2 training (96.49% and 88.79%)
- Audit-One report on MCA/DoLS rated ‘Substantial’ assurance
- Audit-One report on incident management rated ‘Good’ assurance
- Mandatory training for medicine directorates > 85%
- Maternity Quality & Safety Team
- WHO checklist compliance meeting 100%
- Midwifery recruitment continues at pace

How do we get back to 'Good'

Preparation

- Evidence repository – business as usual, accessible, high quality, accurate
- Mock inspections
- Quality Support Visits
- Use self-assessment scores
- Peer assessors to share learning
- Executive walk arounds
- Review outstanding Trusts reports
- Triangulation



Monitoring and Actions

- Development of CQC Steering Group
- Multi disciplinary approach, review self assessments
- Improvement plans (plan on a page)
- System to capture trends and patterns

Reporting and governance

- Reporting through Trust Governance

Engagement

- Two year evidence schedule (co-produced with CQC)
- Communication – Two way feedback
- Continue engagement meetings
- Celebrate successes

Summary

- Lots of improvements since inspection
- Action plan governance - monitored and reported regularly
- CQC and Trust engagement meetings continue
- Improved position compared to last inspection

Focus on **‘Excellence in all that we do’**



**SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST –
DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE**

**REPORT OF SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
WORKFORCE AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on the Foundation Trust's work on developing its future workforce.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The first comprehensive workforce plan for the NHS, putting staffing on a sustainable footing and improving patient care. It focuses on retaining existing talent and making the best use of new technology alongside the biggest recruitment drive in health service history.
- 2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are interested in the Foundation Trust's plans to develop the workforce and some of the initiatives being employed by the Trust.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 A presentation is attached at **appendix one** of this report and covers key points from the Foundation Trust's workforce development plan including:
- Partnerships;
 - Work Discovery Events;
 - Work Placements; and
 - SWAP Programmes.
- 3.2 Representation from the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust will be in attendance at the meeting to provide the update on the action plan and answer any questions that Members of the Committee may have.

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‘Developing our Future Workforce’

Workforce Development and Education Team



NHS Long Term Workforce Plan

Train, Retain, Reform

- Train – Grow the workforce
- Retain – Embed the right culture and improve retention
- Reform – Working and training differently

To achieve a sustainable workforce representative of the local community it serves

To address skills shortages/increased demand on the NHS

To realise alternative ways to train and develop our employees



Prince's Trust

**START
SOMETHING**

Partnerships

The Trust has worked in partnership with Sunderland College over the past 7 years to support local young people under the age of 30 to take their first steps into a Health & Social Care career.

The Trust supports a number of pre-employment programmes, one to one support and small group programmes matching skills and experience to job roles, application support and interview preparation.



Megan's Journey



Megan lives locally and left school in June 2022 at the age of 16. Megan attended the Prince's Trust summer programme at the Trust.

The summer programme is designed to offer young people an insight into the role of Healthcare Support Assistant culminating in an interview. Megan was successful in obtaining an Apprentice Healthcare Assistant role, which she started in February 2023.

“The support I received on the Prince's Trust programme gave me the confidence to apply for the post and I've not looked back”

Support to Armed Forces

- We are actively involved in the Step Into Health programme.
- We hosted a regional event at STSFT to promote regional job opportunities to those leaving the armed forces.
- We support the Prince of Wales Cadet Scheme. The Trust is the only NHS employer in the region supporting the programme, which offers cadets 20-hour placements in nursing settings.
- We have recently launched a scheme working with local and national partners to identify and support veteran patients to ensure they receive the very best quality of care.



SILVER
Employer of The Year



Work Discovery Events

- Trust Work Discovery events have been designed to promote careers within the NHS to young people age 11+
- All local schools within the South Tyneside and Sunderland area are invited to attend.
- Use of the University of Sunderland 'Living Lab'
- Further Discovery days are planned for 2024 including Discover Nursing and Allied Health Professions, Discover Medicine and Discover 'hidden careers'.



Work Placements



- We work with Sunderland College to provide bespoke placements for students studying the newly developed 'T' level programmes with a view to them securing jobs with the Trust.
- We currently provide placements for Business Administration and Health and Social Care students whose programme consist of 80% study time and 20% work placement.

Apprenticeships

- The Trust has successfully supported 664 apprentices since 2017 and offers over 30 different types of apprenticeship.
- These range from Level 2 (entry level) to Level 7 (Masters level).
- They are available in clinical and non-clinical areas.
- Sunderland College and the University of Sunderland are our biggest apprenticeship providers.



Emily's Journey



Emily lives in Sunderland and started as an Apprentice Healthcare Assistant at age 16 in 2018. She completed her Level 2 Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship and worked as a Healthcare Assistant for 3 years.

For health reasons, she could not continue in the healthcare role, but after discussions with the Workforce Development team about other career options, she applied for an Apprenticeship in Workforce Development and Education team and is now close to completing the Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship.

"I am really enjoying my role. I love that I get to support new apprentices starting with the Trust, utilising my previous experience as a Healthcare Assistant to support them".

SWAP Programmes

In conjunction with Department for Work & Pensions and Sunderland College, the Trust supports Sector based Work Academy Programmes (known as SWAP).

These are short training courses designed to give candidates an understanding of the roles within the Trust. The 2-week programme culminates in a guaranteed interview.

We have delivered two programmes so far, with 6 people offered jobs in business administration and health care.



Nursing Apprenticeships

- We currently have 29 Registered Nurse Degree Apprentices on programme with the University of Sunderland.
- These students are Trust staff who are in support worker roles, who work whilst training for 50% of their time.
- To date, 7 apprentices have completed their training and have remained in the Trust now working as qualified nurses.
- The Trust has also developed a 'Get into' nursing scheme for local students from Sunderland College which provides a pathway into the nursing apprenticeship.

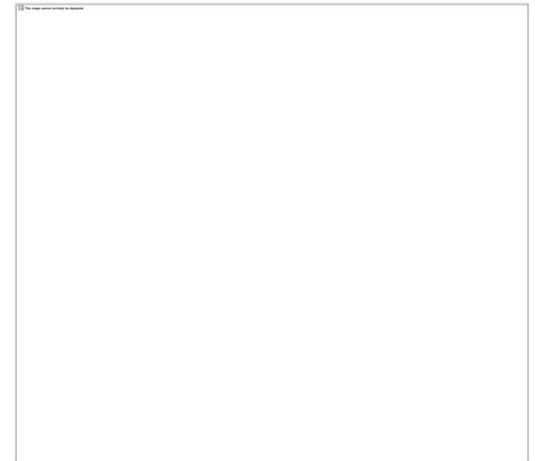


'Get into' Schemes

Get into Schemes have been developed in several clinical areas to support workforce shortages and provide non-traditional ways to train to become a qualified health professional. Sunderland College delivers the diploma qualification as part of the scheme.

Schemes are in operation in Theatres, Podiatry, Radiology and Nursing.

Emily came to the Trust on a targeted placement from Sunderland College with an interest in Theatres. We worked with the Theatres team to ensure job opportunities were ring fenced to college students. Emily was successful in securing a 'Get into' Theatre Support Worker role with a view to training as an Operating Department Practitioner in the future.



International Nurse Recruitment

- Targeted recruitment drives for Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN)
- Comprehensive adaptation/induction programme
- 600 international nurses in roles across the Trust
- Local Filipino/Nigerian/Indian communities in Sunderland
- NHS Pastoral Care Quality Award
- Bespoke English language course designed in partnership with the University of Sunderland
- 174 IENs currently in training
- Vacancy rates are predicted to fall from 7.43% to 2.69% once IENs progress into qualified nursing roles



Administration Careers Event

- A Trust careers event dedicated to showcasing administration roles was held in May 2023 at Sunderland Royal Hospital.
- 175 people attended the event with 104 applicants being shortlisted for vacant roles across the Trust.
- 18 people were successful in securing roles 5 of which were offered as an apprenticeship.
- Vacancy rates for administration roles have subsequently decreased.
- Further targeted recruitment / career events are planned for 2024.





Any questions?

WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

**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 2023-24 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 2023/24.
- 3.2 The first session for the task and finish working group looking at integrating care at the neighbourhood level took place on Monday 6 November 2023 at 4:30pm, with the second session taking place on Monday 27 November 2023. This second session looks at the Links For Life initiative and how this is integrating some health services at the neighbourhood level. The work of the group will be reported back to the Committee once completed.
- 3.3 The working consists of the following members Cllrs Burnicle, Heron, Hunter, Jones, Speding, Usher and Walton.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee notes and comments on the work programme of the committee, including any amendments.

5. Background Papers

5.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24

REASON FOR INCLUSION		4 JULY 23 D/L:23 JUNE 23	5 SEPTEMBER 23 D/L:25 AUGUST 23	3 OCTOBER 23 D/L: 22 SEPT 23	31 OCTOBER 23 D/L: 20 OCT 23	28 NOVEMBER 23 D/L: 17 NOV 23	16 JANUARY 24 D/L: 5 JAN 24	30 JANUARY 24 D/L: 19 JAN 24	27 FEBRUARY 24 D/L: 16 FEB 24	26 MARCH 24 D/L: 15 MAR 24
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business		Dental Services Update (NHS Improvement) Task and Finish Working Group Report (N Cummings) Determining the Scrutiny Work Programme (N Cummings)	Elective and Diagnostic Backlog (NHS FT)	SSAB Annual Report (Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board) Public Health – Annual Report (Gerry Taylor) Task and Finish Scoping Report (N Cummings)	ICB Sunderland Update (Scott Watson) Winter Planning (ATB/ICB)	South Tyneside & Sunderland NHS FT CQC Inspection Action Plan (NHS FT) Sunderland NHS FT work with college on recruitment in NHS (NHS FT)	MH Strategy Update incl. Community MH in the City (Sunderland ICB, Public Health) Suicide Prevention Update (Gerry Taylor)	Alcohol Strategy – Update also include Alcohol Care Team (Gerry Taylor, NHS FT) North East Ambulance Service Update (Mark Cotton)	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Update (Gerry Taylor) Oral Health Improvements – New Strategy (Gerry Taylor)	GP Access Update incl. pilot schemes (Sunderland ICB) Annual Report (Nigel Cummings)
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 8 November 2023.

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 8 November 2023 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 8 November 2023 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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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	7 December 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	7 December 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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220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	7 December 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
220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	7 December 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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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	7 December 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	7 December 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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230428/799	To seek approval for Housing Strategy for Sunderland 2023 - 2030	Cabinet	Y	7 December 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230717/826	To seek approval to publish the 2022/2023 Low Carbon Annual Report	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 September – 31 December 2023	N		Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230718/828	To agree to enter into Inter-Authority Agreement regarding North East Screen Industries Partnership	Cabinet	Yes	7 December 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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230818/831	To update Cabinet on the Masterplan proposals for High Street West, Sunderland and to seek approval to appoint a Multi-disciplinary Design Team to progress the feasibility, design and planning work to develop the Project.	Cabinet	Yes	7 December 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230913/838	To Seek Approval to the Leasing of Land at Crowtree Green, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	7 December 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 Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230927/840	To Seek Cabinet Approval for the Siglion Business Plan	Cabinet	Y	7 December 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 Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
231002/842	Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023 to 31 December 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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231107/845	Subject to the award of external funding, to seek approval to enter into funding, delivery and contracting arrangements for a 5G Innovation Region project.	Cabinet	Y	7 December 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 Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains 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
231107/846	To procure a framework agreement for funerals and Coroner removals.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 7 December 2023 – 18 January 2024.	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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 Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – Dynamic City; Councillor John Price – Vibrant City; Councillor Linda Williams – Children, Education and Skills.

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

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8 November 2023