

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

**Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 5.30pm in  
The Council Chamber, 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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No Items

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5<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

**At a meeting of the HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the Committee Room 1 of the CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022 at 5:30pm.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Butler in the Chair

Councillors Ayre, Bond, Chisnall, McDonough, Potts, Speding and Usher.

**Also in attendance:-**

Dr. Carol Aitken – General Practitioner, Sunderland GP Alliance  
Mr. David Chandler – North East and North Cumbria ICS  
Pauline Fletcher – Senior Primary Care Manager NHS England (North East and North Yorkshire)  
Simon Taylor - Chair of the Northumberland and Tyne and Wear Local Dental Network  
Julie Parker Walton – Public Health Specialist  
Mr. Nigel Cummings – Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council  
Mr. Philip Foster – Managing Director, All Together Better Alliance  
Ms. Gillian Robinson – Scrutiny, Mayoral and Members' Support Coordinator, Sunderland City Council  
Ms. Andrea Hetherington – Director of Corporate Affairs and Legal, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust  
Ms. Karen Mould – Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillor Mann and Ms. Gerry Taylor, Executive Director of Public Health, Housing and Communities, Sunderland City Council

**Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)**

Item 6 – Annual Work Programme 2022/23

Councillor Butler made an open declaration in the above item as an employee of North Cumbria Integrated Care Services.

## **Update on General Dental Access**

NHS England submitted a report which provided the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update in respect of general dental services.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Pauline Fletcher, Senior Primary Care Manager, NHS England, took Members through the report advising of the current access to NHS dentistry following the previous update that was received on 7 July 2021.

Ms Fletcher explained that there was no formal registration in NHS dentistry and that dental contracts and provision was activity and demand led with practices expected to best meet the needs of patients presenting to the practice. She advised that Covid-19 and strict infection prevention control had significantly impacted on access to dental care and consequently the demand for dental care remained high across all NHS dental practices.

Ms Fletcher highlighted that there were 22 NHS dental providers delivering general dental services across 26 locations within Sunderland. She advised that a practice in Washington was due to close at the end of August 2022 due to retirement and that it was intended to re-commission the activity as quickly as possible. Patients that required emergency dental services were triaged remotely via NHS 111 and booked into a treatment centre if required. The Community Dental Service was available for vulnerable patients, those with additional medical needs or more complex medical problems.

Members attention was drawn to the pressures and challenges of: Covid-19 impacts; workforce recruitment and retention and dental system reform. Ms Fletcher provided an overview of the local measures in place to address the issues.

The Chair thanked Ms Fletcher for the presentation and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

With regard to a query from Councillor Bond regarding the number of UDA commissioned and performed in 2009/10 and Q1 2022/23, Ms Fletcher advised that data used was not 'real' however the percentage of take up of adult and children was increasing and that Sunderland was performing favourably nationally for adults; there was an increase in children being seen and priority routes to be seen.

Responding to a further query from Councillor Bond, Ms Fletcher advised that Silver and Charlton still had a large NHS contract which had not been handed back. However, due to the ongoing workforce issues and demand for other services offered by the practice, there were no available NHS appointments until November 2022, although urgent access slots were available. Ms Fletcher explained that discussions were ongoing with Silver and Charlton on how they could be supported. Whilst work was ongoing to look at increasing capacity and appointment slots across Sunderland, addressing the workforce shortage was an issue.

Councillor McDonough asked about the number of people not accessing dental services. Ms Fletcher explained that figures were indicative only which did not give a

true representation. Referring to the Washington practice Councillor McDonough noted that 11,000 DAU would be lost and questioned when the gap would be filled. Ms Fletcher replied that the notice period to hand back a contract was 3 months following which the reason why would be sought with an endeavour to resolve the issue. Whether any other Washington practice would take on the activity would be known in a few weeks following which a procurement process would be undertaken, and this could take up to 9-12 months.

Councillor Speding commented that the complexity of accessing dental provision was difficult for the members of the public to understand. Ms Fletcher explained the process for accessing treatment but highlighted the importance of stating the urgency when contacting a practice and contracting NHS 111 for an urgent slot. In response to a further question from Councillor Speding, Ms Fletcher advised that: Health Education England trained dentists; there were some providers offering a golden hello and she was not aware of a commitment to remain within the NHS following training.

Councillor Usher commented that dentists can make more money within the private sector to which Ms Fletcher replied that this was being looked at nationally to see how this could be addressed.

Councillor Ayre referred to the number of dentistry students. Mr Taylor explained that there had been a shift in popularity. Ms Fletcher added that flexible working was popular with dentists and therefore fewer were working full time. Mr Taylor added that dentists often suffered from muscular skeletal problems due to the nature of the role.

Ms Fletcher concluded that £9m had been allocated to general dental access. She added that recruitment and retention had not been a significant issue for Sunderland however this was increasing and recruitment and retention needed to be addressed locally and nationally.

The Chair thanked Ms Fletcher for presenting her report

Ms Fletch and Mr Taylor left the meeting at this juncture.

## **Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021/22**

The Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities submitted a report which provided an overview of the Annual Director of Public Health Report (ADPHR) 2021/22 which described the health and needs of the local population and focused on the issues pertinent to the local communities. The report also provided recommendations from ADPHR for continuing to improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reducing health inequalities.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The Committee were provided with a comprehensive update and were taken through the presentation by Ms Parker Walton, Public Health Specialist, which focused on the impact that the pandemic had had on the wider determinants of health and health

inequalities in Sunderland. The report highlighted some of the key challenges but also set out the great work that was happening across the city and a number of recommendations to try to mitigate the effects of the pandemic.

Ms Parker Walton took Members of the Committee through the ADPHR which provided details on:-

- Health Inequalities And Effects Of Covid-19;
- Healthy City Plan;
- Starting well in Sunderland;
- Living well in Sunderland;
- Ageing well in Sunderland;
- The impact of Covid-19 on access to public health, health and adult social care and NHS services; and
- Moving forward – key recommendations.

The Chair thanked Ms Parker Walton for her informative report. He added that it was important to have a balanced plan and objectives that would benefit the health of the residents and therefore green space was essential not only to support with their health and emotional wellbeing but also provide somewhere for young people to play. He commented that Planning Committees intended to use green space for developments and requested that Ms Parker Walton liaise with relevant officers with regard to retaining green space for the wellbeing and health of the residents.

Ms Parker Walton replied that she would explore opportunities to engage with the relevant committees.

Councillor McDonough stated it was a worrying and uncertain time. He referred to increasing child poverty which he was of the opinion suggested some things were not working and that there was not a huge amount of change or new ideas within the report. He concluded that more prevention was required for alcohol use and food poverty.

Ms Parker Walton replied that The Alcohol Strategy was ten years old and advised that work was ongoing with Aspire, an early intervention alcohol service adding that the Sunderland Wide Alcohol Partnership had established an Action Plan. In addition, a Food Partnership Coordinator had been appointed to develop a public health approach to improving the food system of the city. This would include developing and implementing a food action plan with key colleagues and partners.

Mr Chandler acknowledged Councillor McDonough's worries however highlighted that health outcomes were poor nationally. Mr Chandler explained that the partnership work in Sunderland focused on the key issues and challenges and informed Members that there would be a focus on tackling the inequalities for the children of Sunderland, for which he would be held account. Mr Chandler concluded that there was a lot of optimism in Sunderland.

The Chair commented that people worked hard in Sunderland despite the challenges. He reported that some people turn to alcohol as a coping mechanism sitting social issues as one of the root causes of poverty.

Councillor Potts referred to the number of young people attending A&E and the Drug and Alcohol Strategy. Ms Parker Walton advised of a new Ministerial document on combatting drug use and recovery grants to get more into treatment. It was noted that new national partnership reporting lines were needed with an action plan by the end of the year. Sunderland already had an integrated YDAP service but the action plan need to be published.

Councillor Ayre referred to Section 6 which outlined the impact of Covid-19 on service delivery and the collaborative approach to addressing the collective challenges and redressing the balance. The report did not include data and, because of this, did not reflect the effectiveness of the commissioning service. Ms Parker Walton agreed that data should be included to highlight this and would forward the information to Councillor Ayre.

Action: Ms Jane Parker Walton

Councillor Speding was in agreement with the Chair regarding planning decisions to develop green space and the fundamental impact this would have on the mental wellbeing of residents. The Environment Agency did not consider the residents and Councillor Speding reiterated that the planning issues would impact on child poverty. He noted the difference in demographics in terms of the differing levels of deprivation in Sunderland and highlighted that in Fulwell there were 13% of children living in low income families whilst in Hendon this was 42%. Council Chisnall referred to paragraph 3.2 and the impact of the pandemic on pay levels commenting that people who were on a good wage were now struggling with the cost of living crisis.

Turning to domestic abuse, Councillor Chisnall asked if there had been an increase during the pandemic as a result of people working from home who were living with perpetrators. Ms Parker Walton agreed to speak with Councillor Chisnall outside of the meeting to discuss further action.

Councillor Bond asked what was being done to address and prevent social isolation. Ms Parker Walton explained that work was ongoing although there were no specific interventions for isolation included within the report. She agreed to get back to Councillor Bond outside of the meeting with further details. Mr Chandler reported that Graham King collated data and therefore could have specific details and figures.

A discussion ensued regarding the availability of allotments. It was noted that there was a waiting list in Sunderland but that horticultural work was ongoing in schools.

The Chairman thanked Ms Parker Walton for her report and presentation and the information provided, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the Committee supported the recommendations commented on the Annual Director of Public Health Report 2021/22

## **Annual Work Programme 2022/2023**

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Coordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a range of topics and issues to consider in the development of the work programme for the municipal year ahead.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, presented the report advising that the report included a number of potential task and finish or work review 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:-

3. RESOLVED that the work programme be received and noted.

## **Notice of Key Decisions**

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Coordinator 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 15 June 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:-

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

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

(Signed)      M.Butler  
Chairman.



**OPERATIONAL RECOVERY UPDATE – NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**REPORT OF 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 operational recovery of South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 NHS Trusts across the country had to suspend much of their elective care in the pandemic to help ensure critical care provision. Also key staff, were transferred to critical care during the height of the pandemic. Hospital capacity was also put under pressure due to social distancing, infection prevention and control, cleaning measures, use of personal protective equipment and enhanced testing.
- 2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee received an overview of the recovery plan in November 2021, and this is an update to the committee on the current situation in relation to operational recovery.

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 A presentation is attached at **appendix one** of this report and covers a number of key issues including:
- Current National Guidance;
  - Key Operational Deliverables;
  - Cancer Care and Performance; and
  - Major Pressures.
- 3.2 Representation from the Foundation Trust will be in attendance at the meeting to provide the update on the situation 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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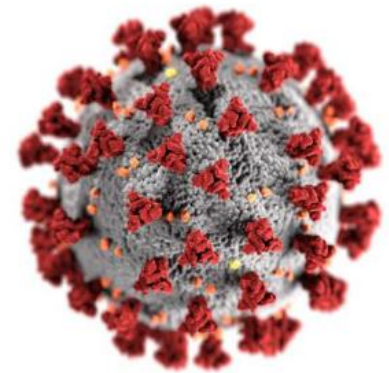
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# Operational Recovery Update

Dr Sean Fenwick

Director of Operations - STSFT

# Refresh



- 30 January 2020 - Level 4 National Incident
- 15 April 2020 - Elective Programme Suspended for at least 3 months  
(Excluding Cancer and Urgent Cases)
- What did this mean for STSFT in lost activity:
  - Outpatients - circa 205,000 new, follow-up and outpatient procedures
  - Inpatient and Day cases - circa 21,000
  - To catch up in 1 year we would need to deliver 125% of baseline activity

# Current National Guidance

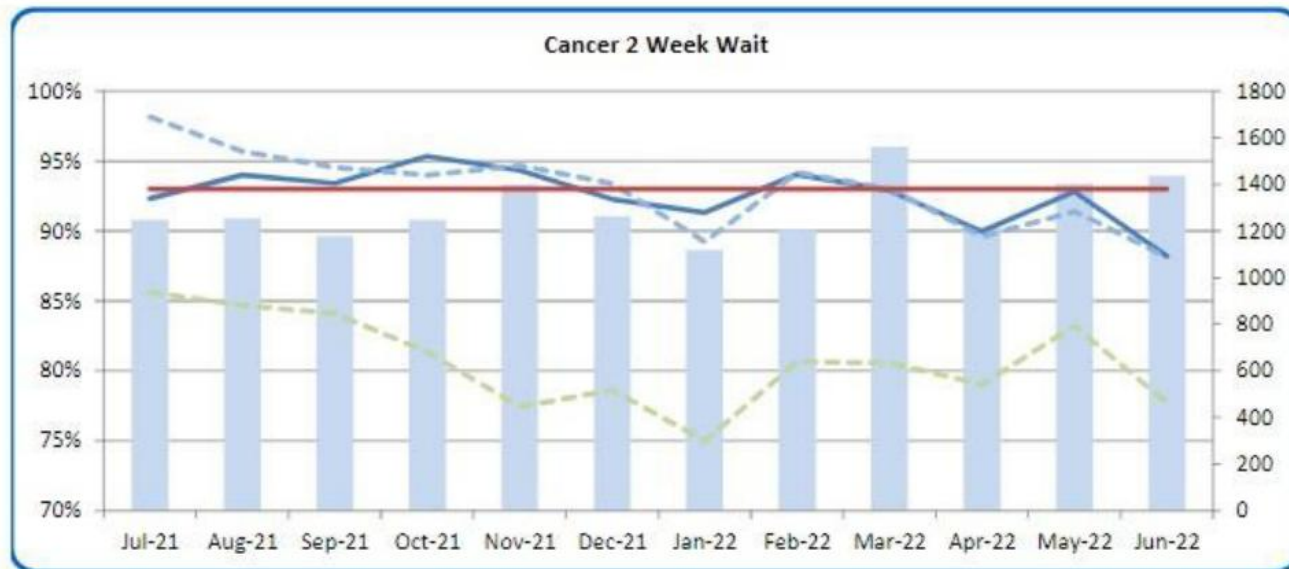
- Health and Wellbeing of Staff
- COVID Vaccination
- **Transformation of Elective Services**
- **Recovery and Restoration of Elective and Cancer**
- Address Health Inequalities
- Transformation of Community and Urgent Care
- System Collaboration and Delivery

A current re-focus on urgent and emergency care

# Key Operational Deliverables

- Abolish 104 week waits
- Reduce 52 week waits
- Reduce outpatient follow up by 25%
- Patient initiated follow up (PIFU) 5% March 23 (0.7 – 0.9%)
- Advice and guidance – 12 per 100 (8 per 100)
- Diagnostics 120%
- Targeted lung health checks (CT scanners)
- 12 hr waits < 2%
- Increase Urgent Treatment Centre
- 5000 beds (virtual)

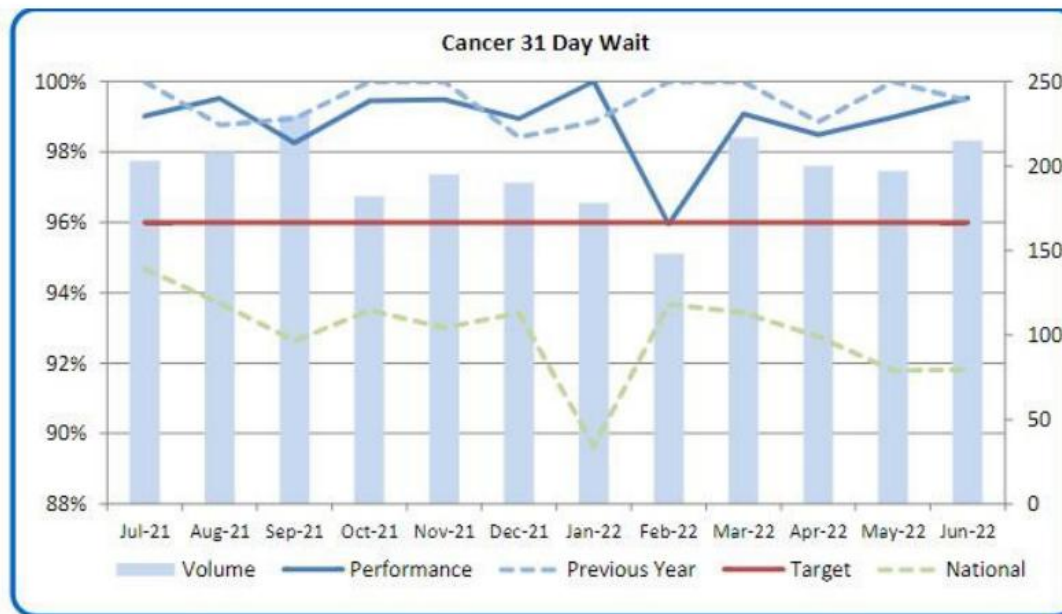
# Current Position - Cancer



Year to date – 90.32%

National – 77.71%

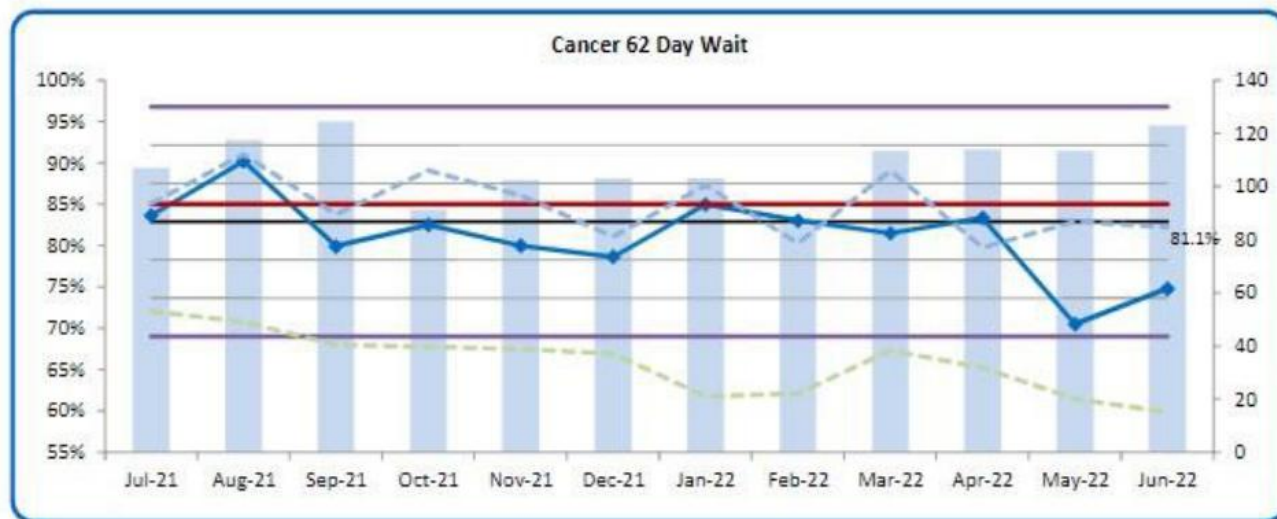
# Current Position - Cancer



Year to date – 99.02%

National Position – 91.83%

# Current Position - Cancer



Year to date – 76.18%

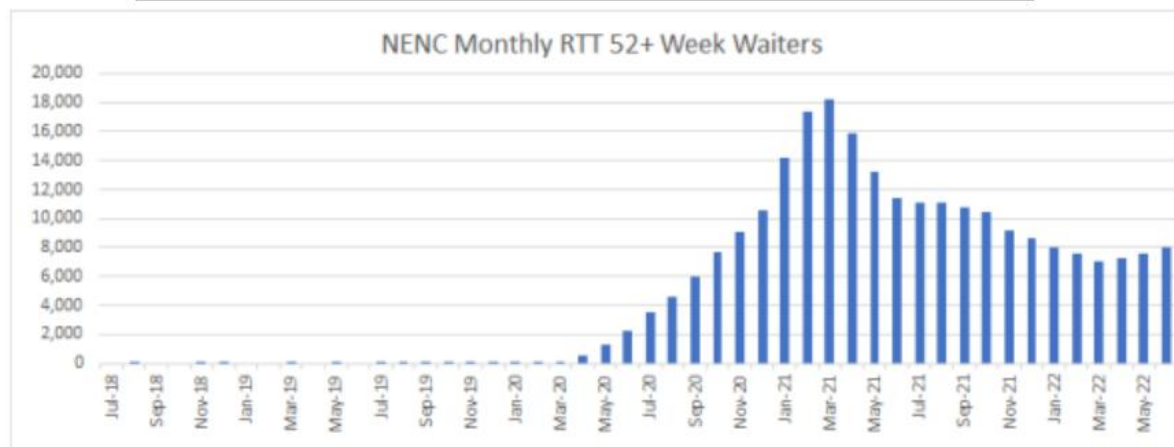
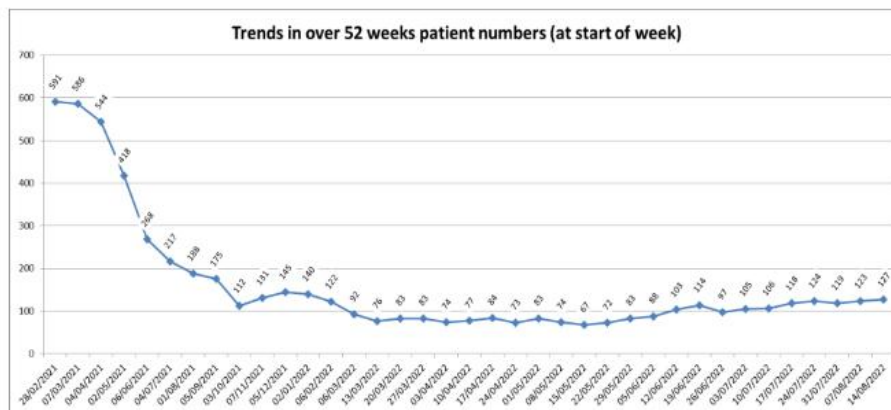
National Position – 59.9%



# Key Operational Deliverables

- Patient Initiated Follow up (PIFU 5%
- Advice and Guidance 1200/month

Referral to Treatment Time - 82.5% year to date (national – 60%)



# Major Pressures

- Trauma and Orthopaedics
- Radiology
- Risks
  - echocardiology
  - bespoke radiology
  - choice

# Summary

- Strong comparative performance
- Ongoing work to improve absolute position
- Non-elective pressures
- Inertia

**TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP: STATE OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN SUNDERLAND**

**Report of the Scrutiny, Mayoral and Members Support Coordinator**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to establish background information, set the scene and set out an approach for a task and finish group looking at the state of adult social care in Sunderland following the pandemic.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Programming session held on 13 June 2022 provided Members, officers and partners with the opportunity to discuss a variety of scrutiny topics, compiling a shortlist of potential issues for task and finish work during the coming year.
- 2.2 The first of these topics will be to investigate the state of adult social care in Sunderland following the Covid-19 pandemic. The task and finish working group will aim to conduct a focused, clearly scoped, and time-limited piece of work with clear objectives.

**3. Context to the Issues**

***Adult Social Care in Sunderland***

- 3.1 The Council currently operates a range of commissioning arrangements for the provision of adult care and support services. The Council's preferred method of securing services is via a formal procurement process whereby the Council enters into a contractual arrangement with care and support providers. There are services that are commissioned that sit outside of a formal contracted arrangement whereby services have been arranged on an individual basis. Individuals are also able to commission services directly with providers via Direct Payment arrangements.
- 3.2 Within Sunderland there are different provider markets which support the health and social care agenda. These can be broken down into the following:
- I. **Accommodation based services for older people** – Residential and Nursing Care; Extra Care Accommodation
  - II. **Accommodation based services for people with disabilities** – Residential Care; Independent Supported Schemes; Core and Cluster Schemes.
  - III. **Accommodation based services for people with mental health needs** – Residential Care; Independent Supported Living Schemes; Core and Cluster Schemes.
  - IV. **Community services** – Care and Support into people's homes; Day Care/Opportunities; Preventative Services.
- 3.3 There are 50 older person's care homes across the city, with an occupancy rate of around 88%, that deliver a mixture of general and dementia residential care, general and dementia nursing care, support for younger people with dementia and

people with enduring mental health needs. There are also currently 12 Extra Care schemes in the city providing 848 apartments, of which 766 (90%) are currently occupied.

- 3.4 The Council currently has a framework in place with 39 providers who deliver home care having been accepted on to the framework, having successfully completed some quality and assurance checks and they more often than not, operate city wide. This includes 7 providers who are formally contracted to deliver care and support at home in zoned locality areas across the City. The framework providers are commissioned to provide care and support at home to all service user groups including adults with complex needs. There are a small number of spot purchased providers who aren't on the framework but who have been directly commissioned by Adult Social Care following the completion of a number of quality assurance checks. These spot purchased arrangements are used mainly when there is an urgent need for support and the home care market has been unable to respond within the required timeframe.
- 3.5 Sunderland also commission a variety of other adult social care services including, independent and health complaints advocacy, support and accommodation for people with learning difficulties and mental health, short break services and day opportunities that are delivered in both a building and community setting.

#### ***Covid-19 Pandemic and Social Care***

- 3.6 COVID-19 has had a major and sustained impact on social care in England. There have been 27,179 excess deaths among care home residents since 14 March 2020 (a 20% increase compared with recent years), and 9,571 excess deaths reported among people receiving domiciliary care since 11 April 2020 (a 62% increase). Social care staff have been at higher risk of dying from COVID-19 than others of the same age and sex. The wider health impacts – from reduced access to care, social isolation, increased burden on carers – are harder to measure but significant.
- 3.7 The Kings Fund reported on a number of significant factors and challenges that Covid-19 has exacerbated in adult social care generally. In summary, The Kings Fund reported that social care was emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic with:
- A sector, and those working in it, struggling to come to terms with excess deaths;
  - Services trying to get back to some semblance of normality – or even just stay in business;
  - Local authorities facing increased levels of demand but uncertain finances;
  - Most likely wide local variations in demand, access and provision of care with little reliable data.
- 3.8 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee were kept informed, throughout the pandemic, of the adult social care situation in Sunderland through updates to the Committee. It is also important to note that there despite this dire situation there are some positives including increased recruitment into the sector, wider public

recognition and a greater willingness from government to tackle the fundamental issues of social care.

### ***People at the Heart of Care***

3.9 With this in mind the government has firmly committed to reforming adult social care. The white paper, ***People at the Heart of Care*** sets out an ambitious 10-year vision for the transformation of support and care in England. The intention is to put people at the heart of care and to do that there are three key objectives:

1. People have choice, control, and support to live independent lives.
2. People can access outstanding quality and tailored care and support.
3. People find adult social care fair and accessible.

3.10 The white paper sets out a range of policies that are to be implemented over the next three years. These include:

- At least £300 million to integrate housing into local health and care strategies, with a focus on increasing the range of new supported housing options available.
- At least £150 million of additional funding to drive greater adoption of technology and achieve widespread digitisation across social care.
- At least £500 million so the social care workforce have the right training and qualifications, and feel recognised and valued for their skills and commitment.
- A new practical support service to make minor repairs and changes in peoples' homes to help people remain independent and safe in their home.
- Up to £25 million to work with the sector to kick start a change in the services provided to support unpaid carers.
- £30 million to help local areas innovate around the support and care they provide in new and different ways, providing more options that suit peoples' needs and individual circumstances.
- A new national website to explain the upcoming changes and at least £5 million to pilot new ways to help people understand and access the care and support available.
- More than £70 million to increase the support offer across adult social care to improve the delivery of care and support services, including assisting local authorities to better plan and develop the support and care options available.

## **4. Title of the Working Group**

4.1 The title of the review is suggested as 'The State of Adult Social Care in Sunderland'.

## **5. Overall Aim of the Working Group**

- 5.1 To look at the state of adult social care services in Sunderland post-Covid-19 pandemic and understand the impact that Covid-19 has had on the sector including the lessons learned and how this is driving improvement and innovation across social care.

## **6. Proposed Terms of Reference for the Working Group**

- 6.1 The following Terms of Reference for the working group are proposed:-
- (a) To understand the adult social care sector in Sunderland;
  - (b) To consider the impact of Covid-19 on adult social care services in Sunderland;
  - (c) To look at how issues of sustainability and resilience are being addressed in the adult social care sector;
  - (d) To consider the implications of new legislation on adult social care for commissioners, providers and
  - (e) To explore areas of innovation and development in adult social care and how they can support the sector going forward.

## **7. Gathering the Evidence**

- 7.1 The task and finish working group will gather evidence from a number of sources and this will be coordinated, on behalf of Members, by the scrutiny officer. Every effort will be made to involve Members in the research, data collection techniques will include a combination of the following:
- Desktop research;
  - Use of secondary research e.g. surveys, questionnaires;
  - Evidence presented by key stakeholders;
  - Evidence from members of the public at meetings or focus groups;
  - Site visits.
- 7.2 The review will gather evidence from a variety of sources. The main evidence will come from information provided by council officers and external partners likely to include, though not exhaustive, the following:
- (a) Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder(s);
  - (b) Director of Adult Services and Chief Operating Officer Sunderland Care and Support;
  - (c) Head of Commissioning and Market Oversight Adult Social Care;
  - (d) Key Service Providers incl; frontline staff;
  - (e) Service Users.

## **8. Scope of the Review**

8.1 The review will consider, as part of the review process, the following issues related to adult social care:

- What is adult social care and what does it encompass?
- What impact has Covid-19 had on adult social care?
- How has Covid-19 changed service provision?
- What barriers or challenges has Covid-19 created in adult social care?
- How is market sustainability being addressed post-Covid?
- How resilient was the sector pre-Covid and how has that changed now?
- What is being done across the region to support the sectors resilience?
- How will forthcoming legislation support adult social care?
- How will legislation impact on Sunderland in particular?
- What current innovations are supporting or being considered for adult social care in Sunderland?
- How has the Covid-19 pandemic driven innovation and development in the sector?
- Has collaborative working developed as a result of the pandemic?

8.2 As the review investigation develops Members need to remain focused on the key terms of reference to ensure the review is conducted within the time constraints, as well as being robust and based on the evidence and research gathered.

## **9. Timescales**

9.1 Attached for Members information is a draft timetable (**Appendix 1**) for the piece of work which outlines the short and focused process for this working group. Members of the working group will be invited to attend all the meetings. It is also worth noting that the timetable is subject to amendment in line with developing lines of enquiry.

## **10. Membership of the Working Group**

10.1 In order to conduct the task and finish project it is suggested that the membership of the working group should consist of no more than 6 Members drawn from the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

10.2 The Chair of the working group can be decided by either the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee or left to be determined by the Membership of the Working Group.

## **11. Recommendations**

11.1 That the working group agrees the title of the review as 'Cabinet and Scrutiny Protocol'.

11.2 That Members agree the terms of reference for the task and finish working group.



- 11.3 That membership of the working group is agreed by the Committee and consideration given to the appointment of Chair for the working group.

## **12. Background Papers**

People at the Heart of Care – Adult Social Care Reform White Paper (Department of Health and Social Care Dec 21)

How Covid-19 has magnified some of social care's key problems (The Kings Fund Aug 20)

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## APPENDIX 1

Timeline	Review Task	Aims & Objectives	Methodology	Contributors
Session 1	To gain an overview of the current adult social care sector in Sunderland	To provide the working group with an understanding of how the social care market operates in Sunderland	Working Group Meeting	Working Group Cabinet Member(s) Director of Adult Services and Chief Operating Officer Sunderland Care and Support; Head of Commissioning and Market Oversight Adult Social Care Scrutiny Officer
Session 2	The impact of Covid-19 – looking at issues of sustainability and resilience	To understand what the impact of Covid-19 has been on the sector in Sunderland and look at how this has influenced market sustainability & resilience	Working Group Meeting also potential visit to care home	Working Group Head of Commissioning and Market Oversight Adult Social Care Key Providers Service Users Scrutiny Officer
Session 3	Look at innovation and development within the sector	What part is being played by technology on the sector and how have recent challenges brought about further innovation	Working Group Meeting	Working Group Head of Commissioning and Market Oversight Adult Social Care Sunderland Care and Support – Assistive Technology Scrutiny Officer
Session 4	Implications of new legislation and other challenges facing the sector	A look at the impending new legislation as well as other key opportunities and challenges factors and what this could mean for the sector in Sunderland	Working Group Meeting	Working Group Director of Adult Services and Chief Operating Officer Sunderland Care and Support; Head of Commissioning and Market Oversight Adult Social Care
Session 5	Reflection of evidence and development of draft report and findings	A look at all the evidence gathered and the development of a draft report	Working Group Meeting	Working Group Scrutiny Officer

**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	
State of Adult Social Care in Sunderland (Sunderland City Council)	The Committee is to look at the state 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.

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.
GP Access in Sunderland	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to GP appointments- Face to face / Telephone/ Virtual</li> <li>• Out of Hours provision- to include GP Extended Access and out of hours GP service</li> <li>• Patient experience of using GP and Primary care services</li> </ul>

#### **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	13 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)	Elective Surgery – Update (NHS FT)  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)	Health Protection Arrangements (Public Health)  Maternity Services Assurance Update (NHS FT)			North East Ambulance Service Update (Mark Cotton)	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 10 August 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 10 August 2022, including supplementary notice, is attached marked **Appendix 1 & 2**.

#### **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 10 August 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:-

Item no.	Matter in respect of which a decision is to be made	Decision-maker (if individual, name and title, if body, its name and see below for list of members)	Key Decision Y/N	Anticipated date of decision/ period in which the decision is to be taken	Private meeting Y/N	Reasons for the meeting to be held in private	Documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the matter*	Address to obtain further information
170927/212	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	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
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 13 October to 30 November 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220413/697	In respect of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, to consider adoption of the final document.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>



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220504/710	To agree to the acquisition of property at Crowtree Road/Maritime Terrace, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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210920/640	To approve land and property acquisitions (including the in-principle future use of CPO powers) within the Riverside Sunderland area.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	This 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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	This 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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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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	8 September 2022	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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220728/726	To adopt a Playing Pitch Plan (PPP) that will be used as a strategic planning document for sport playing pitches in the city.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220801/727	To approve a proposed contract variation for the Integrated Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Harm Minimisation Service up to 31 March 2025.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220801/728	To approve the proposed commissioning intentions for the Specialist Stop Smoking Service for Sunderland	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220802/729	To approve a Direct Payment Employment Support Service.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220803/730	To approve a proposed Variation to Energy Infrastructure Enabling Works.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220808/732	To seek Cabinet approval to the disposal of South West Lodge, Mere Knolls Cemetery, Dovedale Road, SR6 8LW.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220804/731	To approve the Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 September to 31 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220106/682	To give consideration to the Draft Bus Enhancement Partnership Plan and Scheme	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220207/691	To approve the acquisition of strategic sites in the Commercial Road Area.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220621/720	To approve funding options in respect of development at Nile and Villiers Street Sunnyside	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 September to 31 October 2022.	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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220720/724	To seek approval to publish the IAMP AMR Plan Review	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 September to 31 October 2022.	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220628/721	To seek approval to the proposed ECO Flex 4 Criteria and agree to the appointment of local providers to manage delivery of the scheme within Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 September to 31 December 2022.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220725/725	Approve the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Cabinet	Y	During the period 13 October 2022 to 31 January 2023.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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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

10 August 2022



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

A Supplementary Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decision, which was listed on the notice issued 10 August as intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

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210920/640	To approve land and property acquisitions (including the in-principle future use of CPO powers) within the Riverside Sunderland area.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	The item was included on the notice published on 10 August 2022 with an anticipated decision of 8 September 2022. During the course of the preparation of the report it became clear that the report would not include exempt information requiring the decision to be taken in private meeting and would therefore be considered in the open part of the meeting.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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31 August 2022