

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 5th September, 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), Potts, Speding, Usher (Chairman), Walton and M. Walker

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No Items

E. WAUGH,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance,
City Hall,
SUNDERLAND.

24th August, 2023

At a meeting of the HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in Committee Room 1 of the CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY, 4 JULY, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Present:-

Councillor Usher in the Chair

Councillors Graham-King, Hague, Hunter, Potts, Speding, Walton and M. Walker

Also in attendance:-

Nigel Cummings – Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Pauline Fletcher – Senior Primary Care Manager – Dental Commissioning Lead

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

Graham King – Director of Adult Services and Chief Operating Officer of SCaS

Gillian Robinson - Scrutiny, Mayoral and Members' Support Coordinator, Sunderland City Council

Joanne Stewart – Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

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

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillors Bond, Burnicle, Heron and Jones

Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28 March, 2023

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 28 March, 2023 (copies circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

Councillor Speding made an open declaration in Item 5 – Task and Finish Working Group : Challenges in Adult Social Care in Sunderland as his sister was a resident in a care home in the city.

NHS Dentistry Update

The Senior Primary Care Manager – Dental Commissioning Lead submitted a report (copy circulated) which attached a presentation that provided an overview of NHS Dentistry from national, regional and local perspectives.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Fletcher, Senior Primary Care Manager – Dental Commissioning Lead took Members through a presentation which covered a wide range of issues including:-

- NHS Commissioned Capacity;
- Pressures and Challenges;
- NHS Dental Contracts; and
- Local Actions.

(for copy presentation – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Ms. Fletcher for her informative presentation and invited questions and comments from Members.

In response to a query from Councillor Speding referring to the value of contracts and each Unit of Dental Activity (UDA) to practices, Ms. Fletcher advised that there was a legacy arrangement with a range of UDA rates across the city that averaged at around £30 per day; they also explained that this was not the only income that a dental practice received as they were paid a sum for a basket of services from the NHS. She commented that the sessional rates that they were looking to commission had been increased to try and improve the take-up.

Councillor Speding referred to the contracts that had been handed back to the NHS and commented that running as a private dental practice was much more lucrative to them than the NHS work. Ms. Fletcher explained that those that had been handed back were practices which had been delivering NHS services pre 2006 and had then been offered further contracts.

In response to how the NHS knew that children had free treatment, Ms. Fletcher advised that there had been a lot of media campaigns and the NHS website advised of this. She commented that the assumption was being made that because a lot of information was being published then it was reaching the right people; if there were other ways to get that communication to residents, she would welcome feedback from Members.

Councillor Speding commented that many years ago dental hygiene had been part of the school curriculum which he was not aware happened now and asked how the advice was now provided to young children; he also referred to the nineteen practices which provided an NHS service and asked where these were located? Ms. Fletcher informed the Committee that on the NHS UK website, users could enter their home postcode and it would bring up practices near to them; she was also happy to provide a list to Members for their information so that they could inform residents.

Ms. Gerry Taylor also commented that in relation to providing advice and guidance to school children; they were refreshing the dental health improvement strategy and they would be bringing a report to a future meeting of the Committee. They would be happy to work to prepare some dedicated communications around the issue.

Councillor Potts referred to the NHS website and commented that her colleague, Councillor Bond, had advised that it was very out of date with inaccurate information and asked if it would be possible to have a helpline for non-emergency queries. Ms. Fletcher advised that the best people to advise on their capacity and current position was the dental practices themselves which was why it had been a contractual requirement for them to update the system. She explained that there was a lot of

work ongoing behind the scenes so that the information was provided in a more user-friendly way.

In response to a further query from Councillor Potts regarding any success in Sunderland replacing the returned contracts, Ms. Fletcher advised that 9,000 of the UDA's handed back from the Washington contract had been commissioned between two other practices but there had been no interest in the other contract hand backs despite offering increased rates; this had been due to workforce recruitment and retention issues. The National Workforce Plan had been recently introduced and there was lots of work ongoing to try and get the workforce in place and then retain them on the NHS contract.

When asked if the money saved on the UDA's stayed local or if it was fed back to NHS England, Ms. Fletcher advised that the dental budget was ringfenced so money was retained within the region and was being used to support some of the shorter-term initiatives until they could recommission on the recurrent basis the activity needed.

Councillor Haque referred to attracting overseas dentists and asked if they required top up qualifications and the timeframe around providing that and was advised that a lot depended upon where the individual had undertaken their initial training. There had to be a performance list by equivalent assessment of the individual's skills and competency and if there were any gaps a support package was put in place to address them so that they would then meet the required standard.

In a follow up question, Councillor Haque asked if there were any incentives to retain staff once they had received top up training, and Ms. Fletcher advised that they had ran a pilot program in another area of the country offering a recruitment and retention premium to try and have staff remain for two to three years. The issue was being looked at nationally to see if there should be a tie-in, with an expectation for individuals to work within the NHS for a fixed time after any training, as currently this was not the case, and they were free to leave whenever they wished.

Councillor Walton commented on the alternatives that had been discussed for residents who found themselves unable to access NHS dental care and advised that he had direct experience of a practice that had stopped providing NHS care in 2022 and at that time he had not been provided with any information. He suggested that there could be quality information, almost a good practice guideline, that practices followed so that residents knew what their options were. Ms. Fletcher explained that when a full contract was returned they provided those communications but perhaps they needed to also provide it where there was only a reduction in an existing contract. This had been the situation at the Fulwell practice referred to and they could look to address this in future.

Councillor Walker reiterated that he would appreciate if dental practices could be asked to update the NHS website as it was not reflective of the services that were available to residents. Members were informed that practices had been required to update their website every 90 days but this had since changed and residents should be advised that calling their nearest practice was the best way to get the most up to date information, although she would raise the issue.

Councillor Hunter advised that a practice she was aware of had first of all agreed to hand back only the adult dental provision but then had taken the decision at the beginning of 2023 to also hand back the children provision and asked if contracts were separated between adult and children's services? Ms. Fletcher advised that there were no legacy contracts in Sunderland which were restricted, i.e. to only see children. The contract in question was a single contract for delivery over two sites and they had raised significant workforce recruitment and retention issues. Following extensive discussions, they agreed to hand back some of their general dental capacity so that they could try and recommission it but they continued to provide an urgent care service at their Fulwell site.

In response to a query from the Chairman as to who was responsible for ensuring that children were registered with a dentist, the Committee were informed that there was no registration and it was a demand led service; therefore it would be a case of any parent who wished for their child to be seen at a practice, contacting them directly.

When asked if there was an NHS requirement in terms of a dentist to population ratio, Ms. Fletcher advised there was not a standard ratio but that they had a responsibility to commission NHS dental care to meet the reasonable needs of the population. Dental Health colleagues were in the process of undertaking a refresh of the oral health needs assessment, which in conjunction with the ICB reviews, would inform commissioning priorities going forward.

In closing, Councillor Usher commented that it was obvious practices made more money through the private practice than through the NHS, irrespective of the increase in the UDA and Ms. Fletcher advised that private dentistry operated very differently. The NHS contract did need some reform and it was about more than just the money, such as some of the bureaucracy practices had to do and the level of oversight, etc. They were trying to understand what would incentivise practices to stay which could then inform local plans to improve retention and for the ICB to help influence the national dental reform.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked Ms. Fletcher for their attendance, and it was:-

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

Task and Finish Working Group: Challenges in Adult Social Care in Sunderland

The Task and Finish Working Group submitted a report which set out the findings of the task and finish working group looking at the adult social care market in Sunderland.

(for copy report - see original minutes)

Mr. Nigel Cummings, Scrutiny Officer took Members through the report which set out the context of the working group, the aims and terms of reference for the group and their findings and the eight recommendations to be agreed before the report was submitted to Cabinet.

Mr. Cummings also advised that subject to the Committee's agreement, Councillor Bond had requested the inclusion of a recommendation that the Council would consider the real living wage when tendering new contracts for social care services.

Mr. Graham King welcomed the report with the findings and recommendations from the Task and Finish Working Group. He commented that it was a good piece of work and a demonstration of the positive impact that scrutiny could have, showcasing what was available within social care in Sunderland. He looked forward to reporting back to the Scrutiny Committee at a future meeting as to how they were progressing against the recommendations.

Councillor Speding raised that social care was a statutory service provided by the Council, however, there were still some issues with the private sector and providers, and it was important how Councillors portray the social services picture to the public. Mr. King commented that the aim was to have as few people in residential care as possible, and therefore they would strive for alternatives, and extra care schemes were a good example of what else was available. One of the focuses, picked up as part of the review, was the funding arrangements for social care around commercial for profit, charitable and local trading companies, and Sunderland deliberately had a very mixed supply base so that they were not reliant on one sector provider.

Councillor Walton referred to discharge from hospital and asked if there were any formal protocols in place? Mr. King advised that there were a range of arrangements in place to handle the discharge to assess pathway, Sunderland followed the guidance and held weekly meetings to discuss customers on the pathway and the range of services to support that. In winter the service becomes extremely pressured, with people waiting in hospital to be discharged, but this was a national issue and not just one for Sunderland.

The Committee having fully considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the report be approved and submitted to Cabinet subject to the inclusion of the extra recommendation as discussed.

Work Programme 2023/2024

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Members' Support Coordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which attached the proposed work programme for the year for consideration and agreement.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, presented the report advising that the report included a number of potential topics to consider along with the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2023/24. He informed the Committee that this was the first meeting of the Committee and topics could be continued to be added to the work programme as the year progressed.

Mr. Cummings advised he would email Members of the Committee for their views on the potential task and finish working groups; asking Members to indicate which

groups they would like to be included upon, before establishing the working group and making further arrangements.

Members having considered the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the range of topics and issues as set out in the development of the work programme for 2023/24, including task and finish topics, and any incorporated emerging issues as and when they arose throughout the forthcoming year, be received and noted.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Strategic Director of People, Communications and Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28 day period from 14th and 20th June, 2023.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

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

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

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

(Signed) J. USHER,
Chair.

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 an update in November 2022. This is a further 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:
- Referral to Treatment Time;
 - Local Capacity and Demand;
 - Diagnostics and Faster Diagnosis Standard;
 - Cancer Performance; and
 - Mental Health.
- 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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Operational Recovery – STSFT update

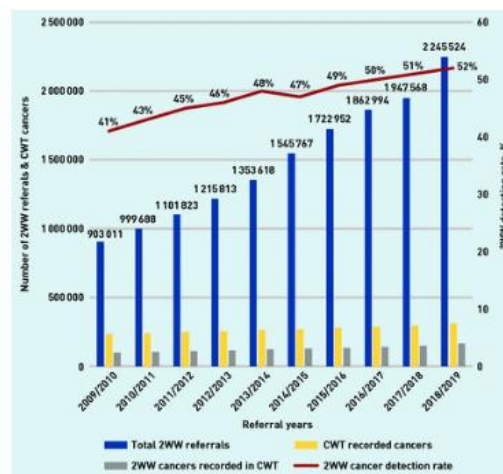
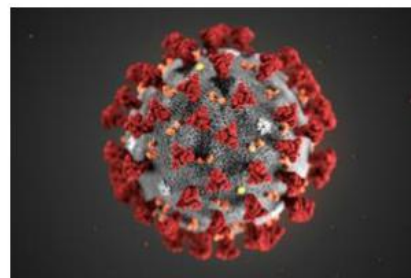
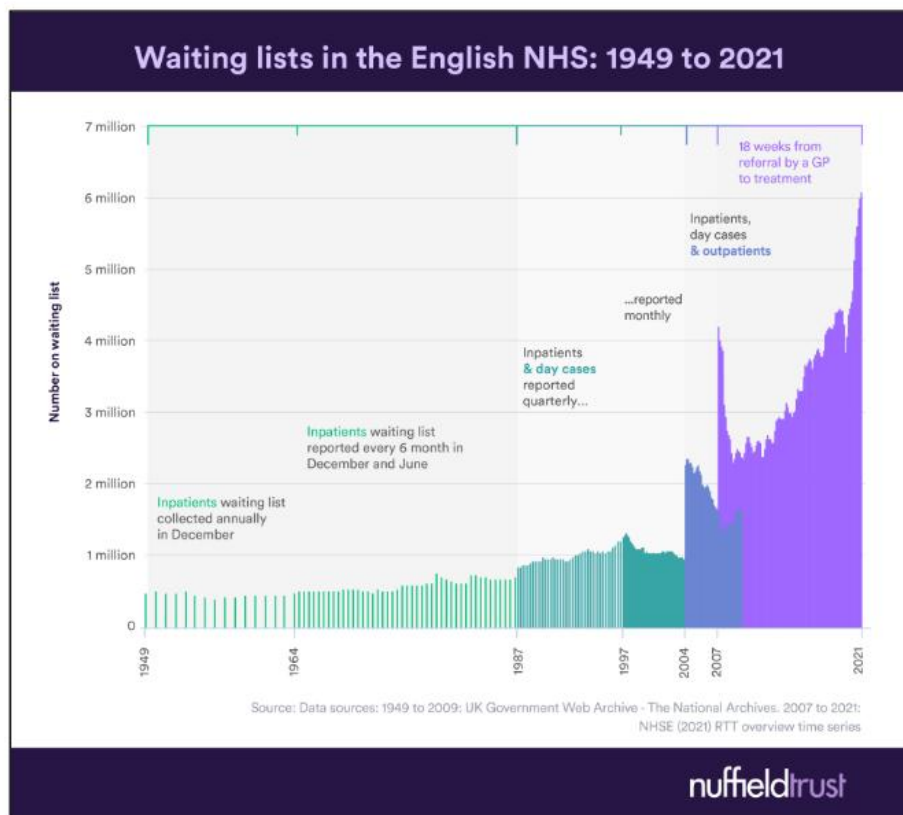
Sean Fenwick

Deputy Chief Executive

Director of Operations

Consultant Nephrologist

A National and Historical Overview



Referral to Treatment Time

RTT Incompletes - June 2023	Incompletes Volume	% <18 Weeks	No. ≥ 35 Weeks	No. ≥ 52 Weeks	No. ≥ 65 Weeks
Trust Total	58,759	76.07%	2,913	367	26
Surgery	35,553	70.67%	2,570	362	26
General Surgery	4,794	78.60%	116	2	0
Urology	5,397	70.47%	325	4	0
Trauma & Orthopaedics	7,631	57.92%	1,367	335	23
Ear, Nose & Throat	6,207	65.14%	517	13	0
Ophthalmology	8,172	80.65%	125	8	3
Oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery	3,154	75.46%	102	0	0
Other - Surgery	192	60.42%	17	0	0
Medicine	12,036	81.54%	258	4	0
Gastroenterology	1,437	84.90%	38	0	0
Cardiology	1,764	84.18%	4	0	0
Dermatology	1,382	88.64%	34	1	0
Thoracic Medicine	2,543	72.00%	84	0	0
Neurology	1,008	90.18%	5	1	0
Rheumatology	1,167	82.43%	8	2	0
Geriatric Medicine	961	71.28%	39	0	0
Other - Medicine	1,774	84.39%	46	0	0
Family Care	5,584	79.91%	72	1	0
Gynaecology	2,917	85.64%	23	0	0
Other - Paediatrics	2,667	73.64%	49	1	0
Clinical Support	5,586	94.77%	13	0	0

*De minimis level >= 20 pathways in total inc Plastics

National Perspective (May '23)

7.5M Open Pathways (6.3M Patients)
385K > 52 weeks
1.74M New Pathways

RTT 59.5%

Local Initiatives

Reminder Service
Opt-in
PIFU
Advice and Guidance
Health Literacy

ICB Initiatives

Waiting Well

Capacity and Demand - Local

2023/24 Trajectory - RTT	Trajectory	Actual	Variance	Var. %
Incomplete pathways	54,310	58,759	4,449	8%
Incomplete pathways over 52 weeks	152	367	215	141%
Clock Starts	18,277	19,943	1,666	9%
Clock Stops	17,667	17,505	-162	-1%
Clock Stops, Admitted	3,380	3,139	-241	-7%
Clock Stops, Non-Admitted	14,287	14,366	79	1%

Plan versus Actual

Ahead of Plan if IA removed

NEL v EL

T&O



Diagnostics

Diagnostics - June 2023	WL Vol.	No. ≥6 wks	% ≥6 wks	Activity	YTD
Trust Total	9,231	2,359	25.56%	17,465	30.05%
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	1,269	346	27.27%	1,989	28.95%
Computed Tomography	620	160	25.81%	5,438	32.69%
Non-obstetric ultrasound	3,905	1,684	43.12%	5,432	47.93%
Echocardiography	1,047	12	1.15%	1,127	6.03%
Colonoscopy	187	4	2.14%	488	3.61%
Flexi Sigmoidoscopy	116	0	0.00%	175	2.30%
Gastroscopy	222	5	2.25%	518	2.28%
Barium Enema	0	0	-	37	
DEXA Scan	526	72	13.69%	358	10.35%
Audiology - Audiology Assessments	420	2	0.48%	793	0.19%
Neurophysiology - peripheral neurophysiolog	207	0	0.00%	150	0.17%
Respiratory physiology - sleep studies	252	62	24.60%	206	34.78%
Urodynamics - pressures & flows	128	9	7.03%	58	9.94%
Cystoscopy	332	3	0.90%	696	2.59%

Radiology

Workforce

Obstetric USS

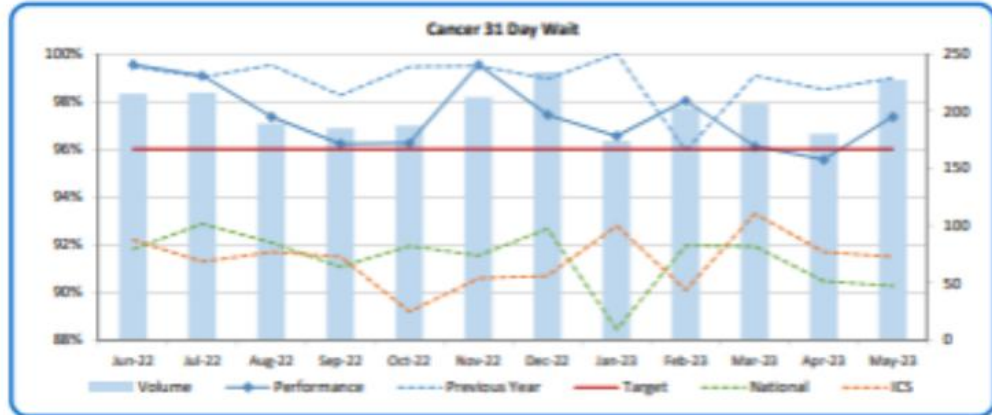
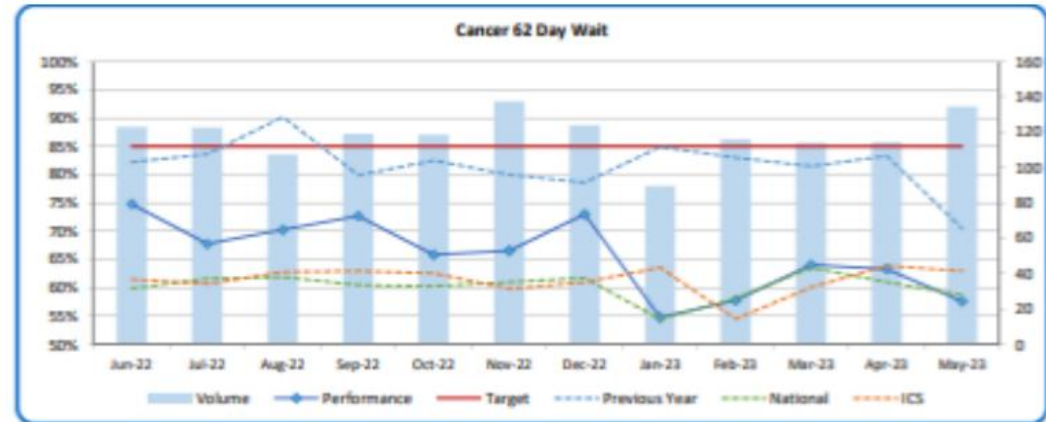
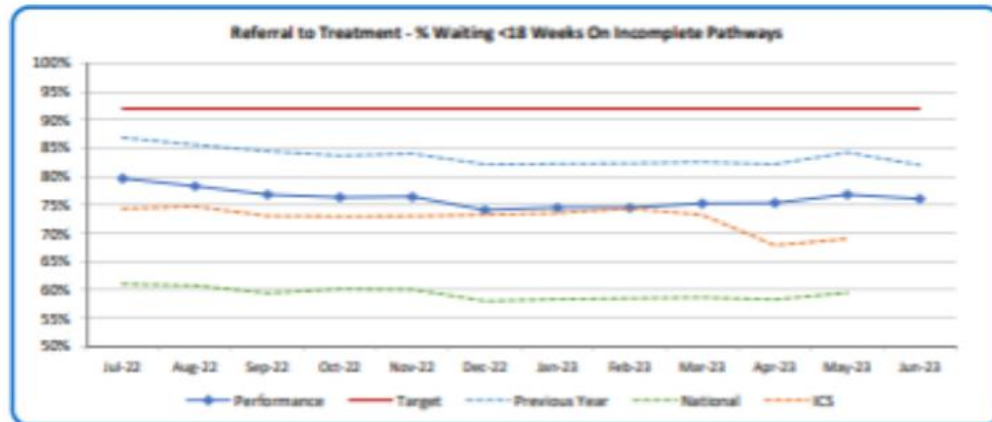
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TLHC

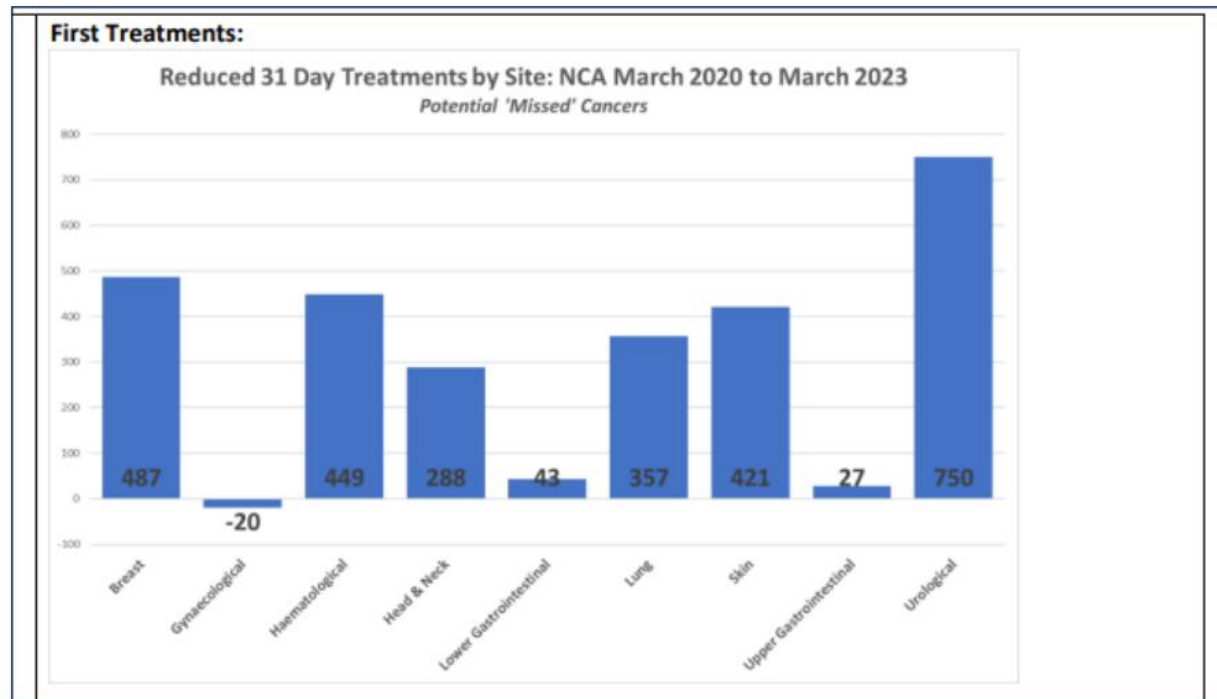
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Cancer - Traditional (Constitutional Standards)



Regional Position by Tumour Group

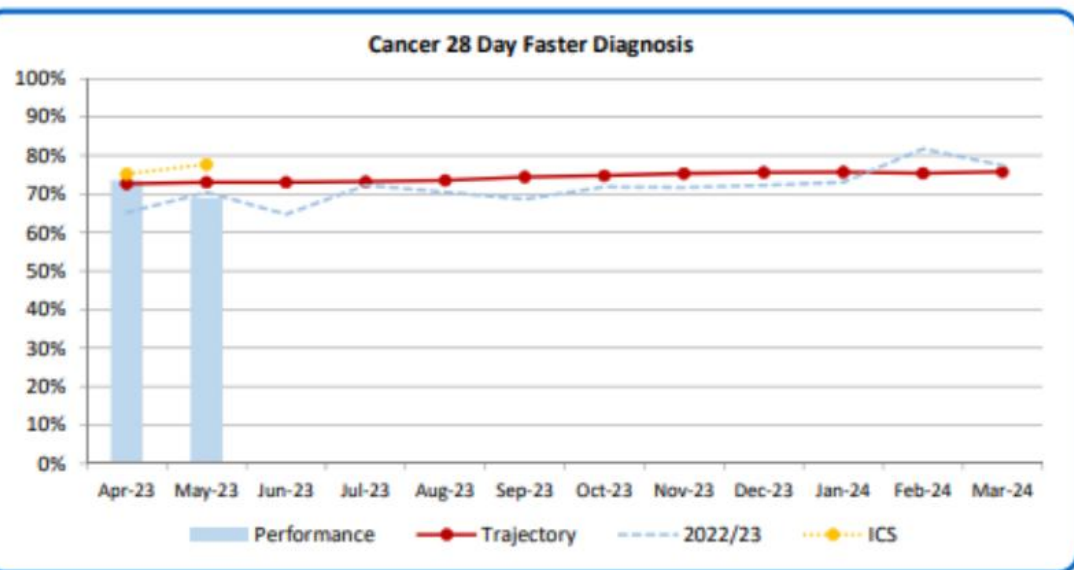


Local Plan – Urology

50% of Cancer work
Ahead of all National Metrics

Second “Robot”
TP Biopsies
One-stop

Faster Diagnosis Standard



The standard will ensure patients will be diagnosed or have cancer ruled out within 28 days of being referred for suspected cancer. For patients who are diagnosed with cancer, it means their treatment can begin as soon as possible. For those who are not, they can have their minds put at rest more quickly

...but a diagnosis is not enough

Mental Health

IAPT - June 2023	Volume	Total Breached	Perf.	YTD
1. Waiting Times <6 weeks				
Gateshead	251	1	99.60%	99.71%
South Tyneside	252	3	98.81%	98.57%
Trust Total	503	4	99.20%	99.16%
2. Waiting Times <18 weeks				
Gateshead	251	0	100.00%	100.00%
South Tyneside	252	1	99.60%	99.84%
Trust Total	503	1	99.80%	99.92%
3. Recovery				
Gateshead	236	108	54.24%	57.36%
South Tyneside	241	103	57.26%	53.12%
Trust Total	477	211	55.77%	55.34%
4. Access				
	Month vs. Trajectory	Qtr vs. Target	YTD vs. Trajectory	
Trajectory / target	2.09%	6.51%	2.09%	
Gateshead	1.37%	3.81%	3.81%	
South Tyneside	1.36%	4.05%	4.05%	
Trust Total	1.40%	3.91%	3.91%	

For Information only

Excludes Sunderland (CNTW)

Summary

- Progress
 - Work still to do – Major Focus of Board of Directors
 - National Operating Guidance (and its Funding)
 - Modernising Care
 - Increasing Demand
 - Multi-Morbidity
-
- 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.

4. Task and Finish Working Group Update

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee considered a number of potential issues for task and finish working. The issues were as follows:
 - Teenage Pregnancy
 - Integrated Services
 - Gambling Impacts
 - Trauma Informed City
 - Living Independently in Sunderland.
- 4.2 Members were requested to give consideration to the issues highlighted and indicate which topic or topics would be their preferred preference to conduct via a task and finish working group. Following this consultation with Members of the

Committee the most popular issues were in order Integrated Services, Trauma Informed City and Gambling Impacts.

- 4.3 A scoping paper for this initial topic on integrated services is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting. The Scrutiny Officer is working with officers to ensure that the context, scope and terms of reference for this piece of work provide the framework for a beneficial piece of work that can compliment other work taking place around this issue.
- 4.4 It may be useful for the Committee to give consideration to who may wish to be involved with this piece of work going forward. Ideally a task and finish working group should be made up of around 5/6 Members of the Committee. This working group will operate outside of the regular committee gathering evidence and provide its final report back to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in due course.
- 4.5 There may also be an opportunity to consider a further task and finish working group later in the year and the Committee could also consider one of the other topics for future investigation, either in this Municipal Year or the next.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 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 the task and finish working for 2023/24.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 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 9 August 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 9 August 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 9 August 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 September 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
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	7 September 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	7 September 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	7 September 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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220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	7 September 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220719/723	To seek approval for the acquisition of Property at Crowtree Road and to grant a lease of the former Crowtree Leisure Centre.	Cabinet	Y	7 September 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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221110/753	To seek approval for the Disposal of an Industrial Property in Washington.	Cabinet	Y	7 September 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
230130/778	To approve the Financial and Lease Agreement details for the New Sunderland Eye Infirmary on Riverside.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 September – 31 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 September 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230522/808	To approve the adoption of revised Local Wildlife Site boundaries and designations	Cabinet	Y	September – December 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230622/821	Decision on the variation to the provision of Domestic Abuse Support Service – Funded via the New Burdens Grant (DLUHC)	Cabinet	Y	7 September 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 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
230710/822	To approve the Feed and Food Law Service Plan 2023-2025	Cabinet	Y	7 September 2023	N		Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230713/823	To consider recommendations in relation to car parking charges and Free After 3 arrangements.	Cabinet	Y	7 September 2023	N		Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230717/824	To agree the delivery of Major Flooding Schemes	Cabinet	Y	7 September 2023	N		Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230717/825	To authorise the award of grant funding to a maximum sum of £100,000 to the BID for a programme of City Centre Events to be agreed by the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Vibrant City and the Director of Finance.	Cabinet	Y	7 September 2023	N		Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA 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

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230717/827	To receive an update on the preparation of the Sunderland Development Plan	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	During the period 1 September – 31 October 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
230721/829	To seek approval to procure care and support services that enable people to live independently at home.	Cabinet	Yes	During the period 1 September – 31 October 2023	N	N/A	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.

Elaine Waugh,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

9 August 2023