

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Tuesday 22nd July, 2025 Time: 2.00 pm Venue: Mandela Room, Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Fire Evacuation Procedure

In the event the fire alarm sounds attendees will be advised to evacuate the building via the nearest fire exit and assemble at the Bottle of Notes opposite MIMA.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

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5. Setting the Scrutiny Work Programme 2025/26 7 - 18

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting - Monday 8 September, 5.00pm

7. Any other urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.

Charlotte Benjamin
Director of Legal and Governance Services

Town Hall
Middlesbrough
Monday 14 July 2025

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors J Kabuye (Chair), D Coupe (Vice-Chair), J Banks, D Branson, D Jackson, M McClintock, T Mohan, S Platt and Z Uddin

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A meeting of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel was held on Tuesday 1 July 2025.

PRESENT: Councillors J Kabuye (Chair), J Banks, D Branson, D Coupe (Vice-Chair), D Jackson, M McClintock, T Mohan and Z Uddin

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: M Short (Integrated Care Board)

OFFICERS: S Disbury, S Hodge, C Jones, C Lunn and R Scott

25/11 **WELCOME AND FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and read out the Building Evacuation Procedure.

25/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at this point in the meeting.

25/13 **OVERVIEW OF SERVICE AREAS**

The Chair welcomed the following service area representatives to the meeting:

- Sarah Disbury, Head of Specialist and Lifelong Services – Adult Social Care.
- Suzanne Hodge, Head of Prevention, Provider and Support Services – Adult Social Care.
- Ruth Musicka, Head of Access and Safeguarding – Adult Social Care.
- Rebecca Scott, Public Health Principal – Public Health.

The representatives were in attendance to provide the Panel with an overview of the services provided across their Directorates, and to highlight the strategic and departmental priorities for the coming year.

The Chair also welcomed Martin Short, Director of Delivery for the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) to the meeting, who had been invited to provide the Panel with an overview of the Tees Valley health landscape; key health issues, challenges and opportunities; and matters for Members to note over the next twelve months.

Each of the representatives delivered, in-turn, a presentation to Members.

Integrated Care Board (ICB)

The Director of Delivery provided an overview of the ICB's Context for 2025/26, Integrated Care Strategy, Joint forward Plan 2023-2028, Local Place Based Plans and Neighbourhood Health.

Attention was drawn to Lord Darzi's report on the state of the National Health Service in England, alongside the Government's upcoming 10-Year Health Plan for England, which was scheduled for publication on 3 July 2025. The Government's health mission was discussed, including its priorities of preventative care, digital transformation and addressing health inequalities.

Members were advised that NHS England was being integrated into the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), and ICBs were to reduce their running costs. It was noted that these significant and ambitious changes would have an impact on service delivery.

The Integrated Care System's (ICS's) Integrated Care Strategy was presented, with the following priorities delivered to the Panel:

- Longer and Healthier Lives. Reducing the gap between how long people lived in the North East and North Cumbria, compared to the rest of England.
- Fairer Outcomes. Not everyone had the same opportunities to be healthy because of where they lived, their income, education and employment.
- Better Health and Care Services. Not just high-quality services but the same quality no matter where people lived and who they were.
- Giving our children the best start in life. Enabling them to thrive, have great futures and improve lives for generations to come.

Proactive Frailty Case Finding was explored in more depth, as a key priority for the ICB in relation to preventative care and a significant element of the ICB's Neighbourhood Health Guidelines. It was noted that Proactive Frailty Care Finding should be considered further by the Panel, when confirming the Scrutiny Work Programme.

A Member referred to preventative care and the outlined proactive approach of the ICB and Health Partners. A query was raised in respect of how health service providers, particularly GP Surgeries, would contact their patients anticipatorily, especially at a time when those with a health care need had difficulties in accessing primary care. It was explained that pharmacies had proactive assessment approaches, there were initiatives in proactive care in frailty and respiratory care and ongoing piloting approaches in screening such as targeted lung health checks. The Director of Delivery suggested that a further, more detailed item regarding Primary Care Access (satisfaction levels, appointment times, etc.) could be included in the Scrutiny Work Programme.

Members requested further information on the following:

- Mental Health Strategy. It was explained that there had been significant transformation in community mental health services over recent years and there had been a procurement exercise in regard to the children's mental health service.
- ICB Recruitment and Retention. The Director of Delivery advised recruitment pressures had varied depending upon professions. There was an ICB Workforce Strategy which focussed on recruitment, retention, and the health and wellbeing of staff.
- Joint forward Plan 2023-2028. Members were advised that progress had been made and the plan is reviewed and updated each year in March.

The Chair thanked the Director of Delivery for the information provided and invited the Adult Social Care Heads of Service, to deliver their presentation.

Adult Social Care

The Heads of Service for Adult Social Care each gave an overview of their service area and responsibilities, summarised as follows:

Head of Access & Safeguarding:

- Access Safeguarding Team.
- East and West Locality Teams.
- DoLS (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards) Team.
- Homelessness and Domestic Abuse.

Head of Prevention, Provider & Support Services:

- Staying Put Agency.
- Connect & Assistive Technology Service.
- Contact Centre.
- Staying Included.
- Rekindle Digital Inclusion Project.
- Independence Hub & Blue Badge.
- Sensory Loss.
- Community Reablement.
- Occupational Therapy.
- Community Inclusion Services.
- North Ormesby Resource Centre.

- Orchard Resource Centre.
- Levick Court.
- Tees Community and Equipment Services.
- Living Life Services.

Head of Specialist and Lifelong Services:

- Older Persons Mental Health Team.
- Forensics Social Care Team.
- Mental Health Team.
- Learning Disability Team.

The following challenges of the Directorate were presented:

- Responding to the CQC inspection and progressing an improvement plan.
- Change Programme – overall service improvement including the vision & strategy for Adult Social Care, co-production and neighbourhood working.
- Homelessness – managing demand and ensuring access to suitable and appropriate housing.
- Working in collaboration with Public Health who were required to deliver significant savings in the forthcoming year while also recognising the impact this could have on the wider system.

Following the presentation, a Member acknowledged the good work delivered by many of the services but highlighted a lack of coordination between departments and the resulting impact on service users. The Head of Access and Safeguarding acknowledged the point and advised that a coordinated approach was being explored as part of the transformation agenda. This work would look at improving collaboration with the ICB, strengthening links between internal departments, and engaging with the Great North Care Record to ensure a more joined-up, patient-centred approach.

Members raised concerns about the lack of publicity in certain service areas and the challenges that Councillors faced in signposting residents as a consequence of this. The Heads of Service noted the comments and indicated that they would be reviewed further.

Members stressed that poor mental health was a significant concern, particularly in relation to the economic and social factors in Middlesbrough. It was also noted that individuals experiencing poor mental health were often reluctant to seek help, and there should be careful consideration of the systems and processes in place to identify and support them. The representatives at the meeting outlined the services available and processes currently in place: it was suggested that the Scrutiny Committee could receive a dedicated briefing on Mental Health Care at a future meeting.

The Chair thanked the Heads of Service for the information provided and invited the Public Health Principal to deliver their presentation.

Public Health

The Public Health Principal gave a presentation which included:

- The Roles and Responsibilities of Public Health, South Tees.
- Public Health Challenges.
- Life Expectancy – UK and Middlesbrough.
- Priorities.
- Programme Achievements.
- Performance.

Members were appraised of the priorities within the Directorate, which included:

- To protect the population of South Tees from the spread of communicable disease, prevent and manage outbreaks, and protect from environmental hazards.
- To develop and implement a system-led approach to creating places that promote healthy eating and moving more.
- To reduce inequalities in population health through the prevention and early detection of disease and support the people to manage their long-term conditions.
- To develop a person-centred approach across the full local vulnerabilities system. Leading a co-ordinated and collaborative approach with key partners was the only

way to achieve consistent, high-quality delivery and remove duplication.

Following the presentation, a Member raised concerns about childhood obesity and nutritional imbalance in children, suggesting that a radical approach was needed to address these issues. The Public Health Principal acknowledged the Member's comments and informed the Committee about the Healthy Weight Declaration, emphasising the need for a multi-faceted approach to tackle this national challenge.

The Chair thanked the officers and invited representative for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

AGREED that:

- 1) The suggestions made in respect of the scrutiny work programme would be added to the document in preparation for consideration at the Panel's next meeting on 22 July 2025.**
- 2) The information, as presented, was noted.**

25/14 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2025/26

A proposed schedule of meeting dates for the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year was submitted for Members' consideration. A discussion took place regarding the best time for the Panel to meet for the remainder of the Municipal Year. It was resolved that future Panel meetings would take place on Mondays at 5pm.

AGREED that Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel would meet on a Monday at 5pm for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

25/15 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING - 22 JULY 2025 AT 4.30PM - SETTING THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

It was agreed that the next meeting scheduled for 22 July 2025 would have a revised start time of 2.00pm.

25/16 ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED

None.

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Report of:	Democratic Services Officer
Relevant Executive Member:	N/A
Submitted to:	Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel
Date:	22 July 2025
Title:	Setting the Work Programme 2025-2026, for the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	A healthy place
Key decision:	No
Why:	Not applicable
Subject to call in?	No
Why:	Not applicable

Proposed decision(s)
That the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel consider and agree its work programme for the 2025-2026 municipal year. Once agreed, the work programme will be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Board, for approval.

Executive summary
<p>The Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider its work programme for the 2025/2026 municipal year.</p> <p>The primary function of a Scrutiny Panel is to influence the policies and decisions of the Council and other organisations involved in delivering public services. It does this by gathering evidence on issues that affect local residents and making informed recommendations based on its findings.</p> <p>Work programmes provide structure to the activity of the scrutiny panel and allow for the effective planning and preparation of work. The Panel is asked to select two Scrutiny</p>

Investigation Topics and note the standard agenda items for updates throughout the municipal year.

The Scrutiny Panel is asked to ensure that topics agreed for inclusion:

- Affect a group of people living within the Middlesbrough area.
- Relate to a service, event, or issue in which the Council has an influence.
- Are not issues which the Overview and Scrutiny Board or Scrutiny Panels have considered during the last 12 months.
- Do not relate to an individual service complaint.
- Do not replate matters dealt with by another Council Committee unless the issue deals with procedure.

1. Purpose of this report and its contribution to the achievement of the Council Plan ambitions.

1.1 Managing an effective work programme is essential to the success of scrutiny panels, as it assists with planning and managing the workload, focussing on the Council's ambitions and aims to assist with maximising impact on the Council's performance and outcomes for residents.

1.2 Scrutiny ensures that the decisions taken by the Council and its partners are appropriate. It creates an open, transparent way for members to shape, question, evaluate and challenge policies, decisions, and performance.

1.3 Scrutiny investigations are usually carried out over the course of several meetings, which consider information from relevant sources and examine current policies and practices. At the end of the exercise, a report is prepared which summarises the scrutiny panel's findings and puts forward recommendations.

1.4 The purpose of the report is to agree a work programme for the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel, ensuring Scrutiny Investigation Topics and standard updates support the delivery of the ambitions of the Middlesbrough Council Plan 2024-27:

Our ambitions	Aims
A successful and ambitious town	<i>Aims within this ambition are to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - attract and grow businesses to increase employment opportunities. - Improve attainment in education and skills. - Ensure housing provision meets local demand
A healthy Place	<i>Aims within this ambition are to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities. - protect and improve our environment. - promote inclusivity for all. - reduce poverty
Safe and resilient communities	<i>Aims within this ambition are to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support adults to be independent for longer. - improve transport and digital connectivity. - promote new ideas and community initiatives.

	- <i>reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</i>
Delivering best value	<i>Aims within this ambition are to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>ensure robust and effective corporate governance.</i> - <i>set a balanced revenue budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan to restore financial resilience and sustainability</i>

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel agrees a Work Programme, for approval by Overview and Scrutiny Board by;

- Noting the standard updates / presentations that will be scheduled throughout the municipal year.
- Selecting two Scrutiny Investigation Topics, taking into consideration the suggestions from stakeholders and additional suggestions from panel members.

3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

3.1 Under the terms of the Local Government Act 2000, local authorities have a responsibility of community leadership and a power to secure the effective promotion of community well-being. Therefore, in addition to the scrutiny panel's generally recognised powers (of holding the Executive to account, reviewing service provision, developing policy, considering budget plans and performance and financial monitoring), panels also have the power to consider any matters which are not the responsibility of the Council, but which affect the local authority or the inhabitants of its area. For example, nationally, local authorities have undertaken scrutiny work on issues such as post-office closures, rural bus services, policing matters and flood defence schemes.

4. Background and relevant information

4.1 At the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 19 March 2025, a new structure for scrutiny arrangements in Middlesbrough was agreed. As a consequence, Middlesbrough Council now operates three Scrutiny Panels for 2025/2026 in addition to its Overview and Scrutiny Board:

- Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel
- Children's Services Scrutiny Panel
- Place Scrutiny Panel

4.2 Topics considered by the former People Scrutiny Panel in 2024-2025 are listed below for Member's information

Scrutiny Investigation Topics		
Achieved:	Ongoing:	Not Started
Children Missing Education (CME)	Homelessness	Obesity

Updates / Presentations	
Adult Social Care and Health Remit:	Children's Services Remit:
Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection - Position	South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Report
Adult Social Care - Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection	
Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) - Annual Report	
Tees Suicide Prevention - Strategic Plan 2024-2029	
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) - CQC Inspection - Report and Improvement Plan Update	
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Draft Quality Account	
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust - Draft Quality Account	

4.3 At the start of every Municipal Year, Scrutiny Panels discuss the topics that they would like to review during the coming year. The Panel is asked to select topics for two Scrutiny Investigations and to note the standard updates that will be scheduled as part of the Work Programme.

4.4 As part of the process for establishing the panel's work programme, Democratic Services gather information and views from a number of sources. Following an annual consultation exercise which ran between 3 April 2025 and 9 May 2025, several topics were suggested by Councillors, residents, officers, and other stakeholders which are listed in Appendix One. Members are advised that the list is not exhaustive and that additional topics can be added and considered at the scrutiny panel meeting.

4.5 When considering topics for the work programme, Members need to consider the following to prioritise issues where scrutiny can make an impact, add value or contribute to policy development:

- Does the issue affect a majority of the population of Middlesbrough or specific area?
- Is the issue strategic and significant
- Will the scrutiny activity add value to the Council's overall performance?
- Is it likely to lead to effective outcomes?
- Will it be duplicating some other work?
- Is it an issue of concern to partners and others?
- Is it an issue of community concern?
- Are there adequate resources to do the activity well?
- Is the scrutiny activity timely?

- 4.6 In addition to the selected Scrutiny Investigation Topics, Panel Members are asked to note the following standard agenda items which will be scheduled for updates, throughout the municipal year:

1	Quarterly Monitoring of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Improvement Plan
2	Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) - Annual Report
3	Director of Public Health, Annual Report
4	Updates from the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
5	South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Draft Quality Account
6	Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust - Draft Quality Account

5. Ward Member Engagement if relevant and appropriate

Ward Members were invited to submit topic suggestions as part of the consultation.

6. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

No other alternatives are put forward as part of the report.

7. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including procurement and Social Value)	Details of Financial impact (if any) will be dependent on recommendations made as part of a chosen review.
Legal	Details of Legal impact (if any) will be dependent on recommendations made as part of a chosen review.
Risk	Details of Risk impact (if any) will be dependent on recommendations made as part of a chosen review.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	Details of Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion impact (if any) will be dependent on recommendations made as part of a chosen review.
Reducing Poverty	Details of Reducing Poverty impact (if any) will be dependent on recommendations made as part of a chosen review.
Climate Change / Environmental	Details of Climate Change / Environmental impact (if any) will be dependent on recommendations made as part of a chosen review.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	Details of Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers impact (if any) will be dependent on recommendations made as part of a chosen review.
Data Protection	Details of Data Protection impact (if any) will be dependent on recommendations made as part of a chosen review.

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
Approved recommendations to be	Democratic Services Officer	22 July

submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Board		
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Appendices

1	Suggested Scrutiny Topics for 2025/26
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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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Appendix 1 – Suggested Scrutiny Topics for 2025/2026

Ref	Suggested Scrutiny Investigation Topic	Source	Council Plan 2024-2027, Ambition and Aim
1.	<u>Supported Housing Regulations</u> Understanding the impact of the supported housing regulations currently out to consultation – Supported Housing (Regulatory oversight) Act 2023	Officer	A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all</i> A Successful and Ambitious Town - <i>Ensure housing provision meets local demand.</i> Safe and Resilient Communities - <i>Support for adults to be independent for longer</i>
2.	<u>Housing Standards</u> Are we meeting the housing standards for our most vulnerable groups?	Councillor	A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Successful and Ambitious Town - <i>Ensure housing provision meets local demand.</i> Safe and Resilient Communities - <i>Support for adults to be independent for longer</i>
3.	<u>Childhood Obesity and Travel to School</u> Active travel to schools to reduce the issue of car parking outside schools and help reduce childhood obesity	Councillor	A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i>
4.	<u>Creating physically active communities</u>	Councillor	A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i>
5.	<u>Dental Care Practices</u> Is the need being met?	Councillor	A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i>
6.	<u>South Tees NHS Trust – Investigations / Complaints</u> How are complaints investigated at South Tees NHS Trust? Does the Patient Experience Team (PET) have a framework for complaint investigation?	Resident	A Healthy Place – <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i>
7.	<u>Violence Against Women and Girls and how to tackle it.</u>	Councillor	Safe and Resilient Communities - <i>Reducing crime and antisocial behaviour</i>

	In the last year, violence against women and girls (VAWG) represented almost a quarter of all crime recorded by Cleveland Police. How does the Council work with partners like Cleveland Police to tackle it, what more can be done? How do we work with charities? Another issue that should be looked at is how do we tackle the growth of so-called influencers promoting toxic masculinity and their appeal to young men and children.		
8.	<u>Domestic Abuse</u> Joint working between Children's and Adults with regard to Domestic Abuse – assessing progress from the Internal Audit outlining areas of improvement in this area.	Officer	Safe and Resilient Communities - <i>Reducing crime and antisocial behaviour</i>
9.	<u>Informal Carers</u> The valuable work undertaken by informal carers, the support received and ease of access to information, advise and guidance across all social care (Adults & Children's)	Officer	Safe and Resilient Communities - <i>Support for adults to be independent for longer</i>
10.	<u>Independent Advocacy</u> Is Independent Advocacy working well and what is the impact of a opt out service planned under the Mental health Act 2025?	Officer	A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities.</i> Safe and Resilient Communities - <i>Support for adults to be independent for longer</i>
11.	<u>Mental Health Act 2025</u> Understanding the impacts of changes within the Mental Health Act 2025 and how the Council is preparing for this over the next 5 years	Officer	A Healthy Place – <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i>
12.	<u>All-age Autism Strategy</u> Measuring the impact of the All-age autism strategy.	Officer	A Healthy Place – <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities.</i>

13.	<p><u>Healthy place making across the life course with a focus on children and young people.</u></p> <p>Healthy placemaking, particularly for children and young people, involves creating environments that support their physical, mental, and social well-being throughout their lives enabling healthy behaviours rather than obstructing them. The focus will be on understanding how the built environment influences health and wellbeing at different life stages and our role as a Council in this.</p>	Officer	<p>A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i></p>
14.	<p><u>Commercial determinants of health and council role</u></p> <p>CDoH encompasses the activities of private sector industries that influence the environments where people live, work, and play, impacting their health. These activities can be both positive and negative, such as the promotion of healthy food or the production of unhealthy products such as tobacco, alcohol, and gambling. Local councils can play a role in addressing CDoH through various strategies, including policies, community engagement, and working with other council departments and wider system partners to influence decision-making.</p>	Officer	<p>A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i></p>
15.	<p><u>Impact of unhealthy food advertising on the health and food choices of communities</u></p>	Councillor	<p>A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i></p>

16.	<p><u>Teenage Conception</u> Understanding the drivers and strengthening local response It would cover:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Local picture/trends 2. Key drivers and risk factors 3. Impact on young people and families 4. Local focus and services 5. Partnership working 6. Opportunities for Improvement 	Officer	A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i>
17.	<p><u>The rise of youth vaping and its consequences.</u> Understanding the long-term health implications of vaping, the preventative work undertaken by partners and the single-use ban.</p>	Officer	A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i>
18.	<p><u>Reduction in the ICB Running Costs</u> At the meeting of the ASC and Health Scrutiny Panel on 1 July 2025, Members were advised that NHS England was being integrated into the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) were to reduce their running costs.</p>	ASC & Health Scrutiny Panel – 1 July 2025	<p>A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i></p>
19.	<p><u>Proactive Frailty Case Finding</u> At the meeting of the ASC and Health Scrutiny Panel on 1 July 2025, Members were advised that Proactive Frailty Case Finding was as a key priority for the ICB in relation to preventative care and a significant element of the ICB's Neighbourhood Health Guidelines. It was noted that Proactive Frailty Care Finding should be considered further by the Panel, when confirming the Scrutiny Work Programme.</p>	ASC & Health Scrutiny Panel – 1 July 2025	<p>A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i> A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities.</i> Safe and Resilient Communities - <i>Support for adults to be independent for longer</i></p>

20.	<p><u>GP and Primary Care Access (satisfaction levels, appointment waiting times etc)</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the ASC and Health Scrutiny Panel on 1 July 2025, Members raised concerns around patients' difficulties in accessing primary care. It was noted that this should be considered further by the Panel, when confirming the Scrutiny Work Programme.</p>	ASC & Health Scrutiny Panel – 1 July 2025	<p>A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i></p> <p>A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i></p>
21.	<p><u>Mental Health - Identifying and Supporting Individuals</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the ASC and Health Scrutiny Panel on 1 July 2025, Members stressed that poor mental health is a significant concern, particularly in relation to the economic and social factors in Middlesbrough. It was also noted that individuals experiencing poor mental health are often reluctant to seek help, and there should be careful consideration of the system and processes in place to identify and support them.</p>	ASC & Health Scrutiny Panel – 1 July 2025	<p>A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all.</i></p> <p>A Healthy Place - <i>Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities</i></p>
22.	<p><u>Homelessness</u></p> <p>Previous scrutiny investigation started by the People Scrutiny Panel in 2025</p>	People Scrutiny Panel	<p>A Healthy Place - <i>Promote inclusivity for all</i></p> <p>A Successful and Ambitious Town - <i>Ensure housing provision meets local demand.</i></p> <p>Safe and Resilient Communities - <i>Support for adults to be independent for longer</i></p>

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