

Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 12th February 2026 Cabinet Member Question Time – Cllr Kennedy	Item No 6
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PURPOSE OF ITEM

It is customary for each Cabinet Member to attend one *Cabinet Member Question Time Session* each year with their relevant Scrutiny Commission. The purpose is to allow Members to ask questions on areas separate from a review or other key work programme items being considered during that year.

OUTLINE

To make these sessions more manageable they are usually confined to three agreed topic areas. Cllr Kennedy has been asked to answer questions on these 3 areas:

- 1) Central government has a major advertising campaign called 'Care' to recruit more care workers. How is Hackney **improving recruitment and retention of care workers** in the context of managing increasingly large and complex demand?
- 2) How can boroughs like Hackney **retain the vital importance of 'Place' in dealing with the NHS**, when ICBs are embarking on a number of initiatives such as reviewing the existence of Health and Care Boards (the local sub committee of our ICB), eliminating 'place' based commissioners, and potentially reducing the representation from local authorities on the ICB itself, all at the same time as local Healthwatch reps will disappear?
- 3) Are you confident that the **local system response to measles outbreaks** is sufficiently robust considering outbreaks continue intermittently, and what progress has been made on vaccinations?

There are no formal papers and the Cabinet Member makes a verbal statement which is followed by a Q&A.

Attending for this item will be: **Cllr Christopher Kennedy**, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture

ACTION

Members are requested to give consideration to the discussion.