

## Work Programme of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board 2025/26

14 July 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Establishment of Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee	To meet statutory requirements and collaborate with health agencies on the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area affecting both local authorities.	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>To establish joint health overview scrutiny committee arrangements with Birmingham City Council and the Black Country authorities.</p>	<p>People's needs for care and support are reduced or prevented through early intervention and prevention programmes.</p> <p>Residents are protected from harms to their health and wellbeing.</p>	Stephnie Hancock/Rhys Attwell
Developments in Mental Health (MH) and Learning Disabilities & Autism (LDA)	Policy Development	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>To consider proposed changes to ADHD service.</p>	<p>Health outcomes for Sandwell's most vulnerable groups are improved, and health inequalities are reduced.</p> <p>People remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and lead fulfilled lives (re-abolishment).</p>	Laura Brookes (NHS)

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1 September 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
End of Life Care Provision in Sandwell	Seeking Assurance	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>To receive an overview of Connected Palliative Care service.</p>	<p>People remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and lead fulfilled lives.</p>	Suni Patel
Men's Mental Health	Seeking Assurance	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>To receive an overview of the men's mental health services.</p>	<p>People to lead healthy lives in their community and live well for longer.</p> <p>Health outcomes for Sandwell's most vulnerable groups are improved, and health inequalities are reduced.</p>	Kathryn Hickman, Diane Millichamp, Nicky Taylor, Anna Blennerhassett.

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17 November 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report	Seeking Assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To receive a report due to regulatory compliance, performance monitoring and public accountability	Residents feel safe in their communities during the day and at night.	Deb Ward
Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny recommendations.	Holding to Account/ Seeking Assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To obtain updates on progress made against recommendations made by the Board.	Clear and transparent decision making and effective governance (data driven).	Cabinet Member Relevant directors
Review of Urgent Treatment Centres across Birmingham and Solihull and Sandwell and West Birmingham	Consultation	To consult the Board on proposals arising from a review of Urgent Treatment Centres across Birmingham and Solihull and Sandwell and West Birmingham		Emma McKinney (B/Sol) and Jayne Salter Scott (SWB)
Pregnancy and Birthing Journey Scrutiny Review Report.	Update	To provide an update to Members of the Board on the Pregnancy and Birthing Journey Review following the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's announcement of an independent investigation into NHS maternity and neonatal services.		Rhys Attwell

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19 January 2026				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Sandwell's Dementia Strategy	Policy Development and Seeking Assurance	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>A progress update on the implementation and key objectives of the 2019–2025 Dementia Strategy, with a critical evaluation of its impact and areas for improvement.</p>	<p>People remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and lead fulfilled lives.</p> <p>Carers feel supported in carrying out their caring role.</p>	Maxine Groves
Tackling Obesity	Seeking Assurance	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>To obtain a comprehensive overview of obesity data and trends in Sandwell, and to critically assess all available information with the aim of improving health outcomes</p>	<p>Residents are protected from harms to their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>People needs for care and support are reduced or prevented through early intervention and prevention programmes.</p> <p>People to lead Healthy Lives in their community and live well for longer.</p>	Director of Public Health

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23 February 2026				
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Referral Pathways for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Autism.	Holding to Account/ Seeking Assurance	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>To consider BCHFT's proposal for CAMHS to stop accepting ADHD/Autism referrals without mental health symptoms so specialist capacity can focus on the highest-need children.</p>	External Report	Laura Brooks, Associate Director of Partnerships, Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.
Review of interim referral criteria for the Adult Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Assessment Service.	Holding to Account/ Seeking Assurance	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>The report asks the Board to support continuing the risk-stratified access criteria for the Adult Autism and ADHD Assessment Service so that limited capacity is focused on the highest-risk adults.</p>	External Report	Laura Brooks, Associate Director of Partnerships, Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.
Locked Rehabilitation Provision provided at The Larches.	Holding to Account/ Seeking Assurance	<p><u>Purpose of report:</u></p> <p>The report asks the Board to support ending locked rehabilitation at The Larches, as improved community learning disability services mean the provision is no longer needed.</p>	External Report	Laura Brooks Associate Director of Partnerships, Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

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9 March 2026				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Carers' Offer	Policy Development	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To support the formulation of a new carers, offer.	Peoples to lead healthy lives in their community and live well for longer.  Carers feel supported in carrying out their caring role.	Director of Adult Social Care
Adult Statutory Complaints Report	Seeking Assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To receive a report due to regulatory compliance, performance monitoring and public accountability.	Higher quality inclusive services for all of our customers.	Trudie Morris/ Rashpal Bishop
Tracking and Monitoring Impact of Scrutiny Recommendations	Holding to Account/ Seeking Assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To obtain updates on progress made against recommendations made by the Board.	Clear and transparent decision making and effective governance (data driven).	Cabinet Member and relevant director