

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Recommendation Tracker 2024/25

Committee Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer responsible	Status	Target Completion Date	Notes
11 July 2023	Areas of Focus	That the agreed items for the Committee Area of Focus be compiled and shared with Committee Members. That with the assistance of health partners the items be thematically grouped and/or combined where possible.	Jack Thompson	Complete	30 August 2024	Seen by Members on the 12 September 2024.
		That a working group on Health Inequalities be recommended to the Scrutiny Overview Committee.	Jack Thompson	Complete	30 August 2024	Shared with Members of the Scrutiny Overview Committee on the 17 July 2024. Working Group established by the Committee on the 12 September 2024.
		That the data on the number of occupational therapy appointments offered by the occupation Therapy Team and a breakdown of the demographics of those who used the service be provided to Members of the Committee.	Jack Thompson/ Seanna Lassetter	Complete	30 August 2024	Information sent to Members on the 22 August 2024 via email.

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12 September 2024	Future Primary Care in the Black Country – 5 Year Outline Transformation Strategy	That the Committee receive an update on the progress of the Primary Care Transformation after twelve months.	Jack Thompson/ Pip Mayo	In Progress	June/July 2025	This recommendation will be added to the agenda setting report in the new municipal year 2025/26.
	Formation of the Health Inequalities Working Group	That the following Members be appointed to the Health Inequalities Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor K. Hussain</li> <li>• Councillor S.B. Hussain</li> <li>• Councillor T. Jukes</li> <li>• Councillor A. Nawaz</li> <li>• Councillor J. Chapman</li> </ul> <p>That Councillor A. Nawaz be appointed Chair of the Health Inequalities Working Group.</p>	Jack Thompson	Complete	29 October 2024	The first meeting of the Working Group took place on the 16 October 2024.
		That the following additions be made to the Working Group Initiation Document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the causes of why life expectancy for women in the Borough is falling below that of men.</li> <li>• To understand why the disparity in Healthy Life Expectancy between children raised in different</li> </ul>	Jack Thompson	Complete	29 October 2024	These amendments were made and were noted by the Working Group at its first meeting on the 16 October 2024.

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		geographic areas of the Borough has been historically wide and why there has been a lack of improvement in closing the gap.				
	Areas of Focus and Forward Plans	That an update report on the Walsall Together Partnership be added to the Committee's Areas of Focus.	Jack Thompson	Complete	21 October 2024	Item added to the Areas of Focus for the meeting on the 23 January 2025.
29 October 2024	Areas of Focus and Forward Plans	That Councillor M. Coulson be added to the Health Inequalities Working Group.	Jack Thompson	Complete	25 November 2024	Councillor M. Coulson attended the second meeting of the Working Group.
		That the Home Cares item scheduled for the meeting on the 20 February 2025 be split into two separate reports. Domiciliary care report to be presented at the February meeting and a report on informal carers be presented at the meeting on the 3 April 2025.	Jack Thompson	Complete	27 November 2024	The item has been split in two separate items with the report on informal carers renamed to Carers Strategy.
5 December 2024	<i>No actions require tracking from this meeting.</i>					

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23 January 2025	NHS Commissioned Dentistry Services	<p>The Committee requested the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthodontic care waiting times</li> <li>• Domiciliary wait times for oral care</li> <li>• 111 urgent care pathway waiting times and/or process</li> <li>• Information on the inspection and assurance regime for dentists</li> <li>• How many children reached by the 'Brilliant Brushers' programme – Nadia has already provided this</li> <li>• Where does Walsall compare with other areas for children and adults' oral health</li> <li>• Information on how residents can access emergency dental care provided by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust</li> </ul>	Jack Thompson/ Pip Mayo/ Nadia Inglis/ Office for the West Midlands	In Progress	3 April 2025	Due to the amount and complexity of information requested, a future report on this area would be provided to the Committee at a future meeting.
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	Interim update responses to the Primary Care Access and GP Services Working Group	The Committee requested the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data on the call back function used by GP practices if possible</li> </ul>	Jack Thompson/ Pip Mayo	In progress	3 April 2025	
	Walsall Together Annual Report	The Committee requested the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data on the use of Urgent Community Response Service</li> </ul>	Jack Thompson/ Stephanie Cartwright	In progress	3 April 2025	
20 April 2025	Home Carers (domiciliary care) – Update on the current position with Adult Social Care commissioned homecare in the Borough	That the Adult Social Care rates uplift to providers be provided to the Committee.	Jack Thompson/ Andrew Osborn	In progress		
		That the Committee write to the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority to request the free public transport be offered to carers.	Jack Thompson	In progress		In communication with Transport for West Midlands in relation to current schemes.