



Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

HEALTH AND CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND

The Chair of the current Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee has established the need to reinstate the former Health and Care Performance – last convened in April 2017.

2. PURPOSE & FUNCTION

The Health and Care Performance Panel will support the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee by examining, evaluating and monitoring health and social care performance issues and themes across the Borough and beyond (as is considered appropriate).

The Panel's work programme will primarily comprise of items that require detailed examination, either by means of pieces of work that are tasked to the Panel through the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee agenda setting meetings, or by the Panel's own discretion. Members of the Panel have the authority to collectively propose any areas of interest relating to health and social care that they may wish to explore.

The Panel shall report its findings and make recommendations to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee as it considers necessary and appropriate, by way of a written report presented by the Chair and/or Members of the Panel.

The Panel shall also undertake such other work / tasks as are allocated to it by the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Panel will be drawn from members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Panel membership will consist of 7 non-Executive Elected Members and seats will be allocated in accordance with the political proportionality of the Council.

3.1 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel will be agreed by the Panel at its first meeting. The appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be for the duration of the Municipal Year, unless otherwise changed by the Panel.

The Chair will be responsible for reporting the Panel's findings to the Adult Care and Health Committee.

3.2 DEPUTIES

Deputies for members of the Panel may be appointed up to a maximum of eight for each political group, and such deputies shall be authorised to deputise for any member of their group who is unable to attend a meeting.

3.3 OTHER MEMBERS

Other key members of, and contributors to the Panel will include representatives from:

- Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Department of Adult Social Services (DASS)
- Wirral Healthwatch
- Public Health

The Panel will also engage appropriately with other partners from across the Health & Social Care sector, and be supported by officers from the Council and partner agencies as and when required.

4. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Health and Care Performance Panel will provide oversight, support and challenge to the activities of Wirral Council and its partners. In order to deliver this function, the Panel will:

- Scrutinise the draft Quality Accounts of health service providers; this will include reviewing evidence that priorities are being delivered and offering feedback to providers.
- Oversee CQC Ratings across Wirral, and determine the need for follow up enquiries and actions.
- Examine quality framework and performance measures for the health sector in Wirral.
- Scrutinise the general performance of NHS Providers, escalating issues to the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee as appropriate.
- Establish an effective flow of information and identify health service indicators alongside other bodies, such as Wirral Healthwatch and Wirral CCG.
- Review the performance of social care providers as appropriate.

5. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Panel meetings will take place approximately every 8 weeks.

Additional meetings may be scheduled as and when required by the Panel.

6. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chair (or Vice-Chair) of the Panel will have authority to respond to issues on behalf of the Panel.

7. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference for the Health and Care Performance Panel will be reviewed annually.