

# Healthier Communities and Older People Work Programme 2024/25



This table sets out the draft Healthier Communities and Older People Panel Work Programme for 2024/25. This Work Programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate reviews or to comment upon pre-decision items ahead of their consideration by Cabinet/Council.

The work programme table shows items on a meeting-by-meeting basis, identifying the issue under review, the nature of the scrutiny (pre decision, policy development, issue specific, performance monitoring, partnership related) and the intended outcomes. The last page provides information on items on the Council's Forward Plan that relate to the portfolio of the Healthier Communities and Older People Panel so that these can be added to the work programme should the Panel wish to.

**Chair:** Councillor Agatha Akyigyina  
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**Meeting date:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Deadline for reports: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 5pm)

<b>Item/Issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead Member/ Lead Officer</b>	<b>Intended Outcomes</b>
Epsom & St Helier Planned Cuts	Report to the Panel with Q&A	James Blythe, Managing Director for Epsom and St Helier	To consider a breakdown of current, planned and future cuts/savings and what this means for current services and Merton Residents. What are the health implications for Merton Residents
St Helier Hospital – Update on Disrepair	Report to the Panel with Q&A	James Blythe, Managing Director for Epsom and St Helier.	Review the plans for the building repair schedule at St Helier Hospital
Executive Director Introductions	Verbal update with Q&A	Phil Howell	To understand current priorities in relation to Panel work programme
Report of the Health and Wellbeing Board	Report to the Panel	Russell Styles Director of Public Health, Cllr Peter McCabe Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care	Review of the work undertaken by the Board over the previous year.
Work Programme 2024/25	Report	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina	To review and agree the work programme for 2024-2025

**Meeting Date:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 (Deadline for reports Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 5pm)

<b>Item/Issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead Member/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Intended Outcomes</b>
Budget and Business Plan – Round 1	Report	Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services	Scrutinise the budget and any send comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission
SW London Primary Care Strategy	Report to the Panel	Mark Creelman Place Executive, NHS SW London with support from lead GPs	Panel to review primary care services including accessibility to these.
Dentistry	Report	Mark Creelman Place Executive, NHS SW London	Review access to dentistry and wider discussion on oral health for Merton residents
Work Programme 2024/25	Report	Panel Chair	To review and agree the work programme for 2024-2025

**Meeting date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 (Deadline for reports Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 5pm)

<b>Item/Issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead Member/ Lead Officer</b>	<b>Intended Outcomes</b>
Budget and Business Plan 2023-2026	Report to the Panel	Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services	Scrutinise the budget and any send comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission
Annual Public Health Report	Report to the Panel	Director of Public Health	Members informed of key issues arising from the Annual Public Health Report
Adult Safeguarding - Annual Report to the Panel	Report	Independent chair of Merton SGA board	To review work undertaken over the last 12 months.
Adult Social Care Self-Assessment	Self-assessment	ASC Ade Wilson-Adu, Stuart James	To review the self assessment and plans for Merton ASC CQC quality assurance process
Work Programme 2024/25	Report	Panel Chair	To review and agree the work programme for 2024-2025

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Deadline for reports Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 5pm)

<b>Item/Issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead Member/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Intended Outcomes</b>
Performance Monitoring	Basket of indicators plus verbal report	Executive Directors	To highlight any items of concern and/or request additional information
New Homecare Contract	Report to the Panel	Phil Howell Interim Assistant Director for Commissioning	Review delivery of the process and if new providers are performing well.
St Helier Maternity Services (Including preconception and post-natal care)	Report to the Panel	Group Chief Nursing Officer and Mark Creelman Place Executive, NHS SW London and James Blythe, Managing Director for Epsom and St Helier.	Update on maternity services.
Work Programme 2024/25	Report	Panel Chair	To review and agree the work programme for 2024-2025

**Meeting date:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (Deadline for reports Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 5pm)

<b>Item/Issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead Member/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Intended Outcomes</b>
Respite Care, Learning Disability Officer & Dementia (Including day care & respite)	Report to the Panel		To review and highlight areas of concern
Adult Immunisation Schedule	Update covering uptake of immunisations & update on rollout of RSV	NHS England	Review the take up of local immunisation in Merton.
Work Programme 2024/25	Report	Panel Chair	To review and agree the work programme for 2024-2025
Topic Suggestions 2025-2026	Report	Panel Chair	To consider topics for this Panel for the next year

**Meeting date:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (Deadline for reports Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 5pm)

<b>Item/Issue</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>Lead Member/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Intended Outcomes</b>
Mental Health Service	Report to the Panel		To review and highlight areas of concern
Cardiovascular Health	Report to the Panel	Public Health	To review and highlight areas of concern
Topic Suggestions 2025-2026	Report	Panel Chair	To consider topics for this Panel for the next year

