



**MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 6.00PM, ON
TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2025
ENGINE SHED, SAND MARTIN HOUSE PETERBOROUGH**

Committee Members Present: Mahmood, Asif Shaheed, Dowson, S Farooq, Rafiq, Ann Shaheed, Rangzeb, Antunes and Sabir

Co-opted Members Present: Sandie Burns MBE and Parish Councillor Dierdre Hardy

Youth Councillor: Aiden Bennington

Officers Present:	Charlotte Cameron, Senior Democratic Services Officer Stephen Taylor, Executive Director Adults Services Mike Robinson, Interim Director of Public Health Peterborough Hannah Thorpe, Acting Head of Service, Independent Safeguarding Partnership Service Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Boards (Children and Adults) Belinda Child, Head of Prevention and Early Intervention
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Also Present:	Cllr Shabina Qayyum, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health.
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32.	ELECTION OF CHAIR The Senior Democratic Services Officer advised that in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, a Chair would need to be elected from those present at the meeting. Nominations were sought and Councillor Asif Shaheed was proposed by Councillor Mahmood and seconded by Councillor Farooq. There being no further nominations, Councillor Shaheed was appointed as Chair for this committee.
33.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fitzgerald, Ali, Boyce, Iqbal and independent co-opted member De Wilde. Councillors Antunes and Sabir were in attendance as substitute.
34.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none.
35.	MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2025 The minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

36.	CALL IN OF ANY CABINET, CABINET MEMBER OR KEY OFFICER DECISION
	There were no call-ins received.
37.	FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
	<p>The Chair introduced the report which included the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan of Executive Decisions containing decisions that the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would make during the forthcoming month. Members were invited to comment on the plan and where appropriate, identify any relevant areas for inclusion in the Committee's Work Programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no questions.
	<p>AGREED ACTIONS</p> <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee considered the current Forward Plan of Executive Decisions included at Appendix 1 and identified any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme or requested further information.</p>
38.	ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD REPORT 2023-2024
	<p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee received a report in relation to a summary of both the work of the Safeguarding Adult Board against the Board priorities, the work of the sub committees and highlight the significant events from April 2023- March 2024.</p> <p>The Executive Director for Adults Services accompanied by the Acting Head of Service, Independent Safeguarding Partnership Service introduced the report and key points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be the last year that the report was joint with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough due to the uncoupling of services. • There were reviews of the subgroups as well as the business units. • There had been a focus on increasing quality assurance and scrutiny to understand where the strengths and weaknesses were. • There had been 17 Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) referrals with 7 being taken forward. <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members referred to the 7 SAR referrals and were advised that 2 had been completed and made available on the website. This ensured that there was learning from case reviews. • Out of the 17, 8 had related to Peterborough and the learning material had been published. Members noted that it would not be expected that all referrals would turn into a review. • Members queried if there had been any themes identified, and Officers advised that key themes included mental capacity relating to hospital discharge. • Where a review is published, unless there was objection from the family, the name would be public. • After a review had been completed, an action plan was drawn up to address each area of concern. • Members were advised that 80% referrals that went through the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) were appropriate and required a response. • Members noted that was SARS development training on neglect and the relevant thresholds for triggering a multi-agency response. • The Care partners had offered training to the voluntary sector outside of the statutory partners.

	<p>AGREED ACTIONS</p> <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the activity undertaken by the Safeguarding Adult’s Board and its constituent members within the reporting period of April 2023 to March 2024.</p>
39.	<p>PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023-2024</p>
	<p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee received a report in relation to the Public Health Directorate (PH) and the performance of the main services in terms of Key Performance indicators in 23/24 and, where data is available, the first half of 24/25.</p> <p>The Interim Director of Public Health introduced the report and key points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report gave a snapshot of the performance in the PH Directorate and detailed how the service area was funded differently to other service through the ringfenced public health grant. • The budget was limited to the size of the grant and there had been evidence to suggest that the grant had not been proportionate to the size of the population or relevant growth of the city. • If the grant had been determined per capita, the Council would receive another £4 million. <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were advised that Officers were engaged in conversations with national government around a review of the funding. A bid to receive extra funding had been acknowledged and the team were awaiting a response. • The target for chlamydia screening was ambitious and it was not always obvious to people that they had contracted it. Members encouraged Officers to do all they can to promote the service to ensure that targets were met. • The challenges in funding had led to a change management programme that reviewed resource and time spent on productivity. • Members referred to the static figures of opiate used in Peterborough and questioned how the numbers were determined. Officers advised that that service was contracted out and a variety of evidence had been used. • Peterborough had received national grants under the new National Drugs Strategy ‘From Harm to Hope’ and Members were advised that 1 grant had been re-approved for 2025-26. • Members noted that Peterborough had a high cardiovascular disease rate compared to the national average and sought clarification from Officers on what can be done to meet the need, given the limited resources. • Members were advised that what the authority could do was a small part of the puzzle and there were other factors that could help like encouraging active travel, smoking cessation and provisions of parks. • There would need to be work across the whole health and care system
	<p>AGREED ACTIONS</p> <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee reviewed public health service performance against key performance indicators.</p> <p>The Committee also requested that Officers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide information on the how the unmet need of opiate usage is determined.

	<p>2. Detail why the Young People's planned exit performance had dropped to equal the national level from above it.</p>
40.	<p>DISABLED FACILITY GRANT POLICY</p> <p>The Adults and Health Committee received a report in relation to the discretionary powers granted to local authorities under the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002, and the detail of the delivery of the statutory disabled facility grants under Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.</p> <p>The Head of Prevention and Early Intervention introduced the report and key points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report detailed the mandatory award allowed for the Disabled Facility Grant and the £30,000 top up that the Council provided. • It detailed the hospital discharge/avoidance grant that ensured timely discharge to home, such as replacement flooring and decluttering. <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members felt that the £30,000 was too low for a top up and were advised that all funding had come from the Better Care Fund and the support from the capital programme had been removed some time ago. Members understood the position and were pleased that we were still able to offer that top up. • There had been £160 million in the Better Care Fund that was split across 300 local authorities. • Sometimes a major adaptation could be subject to building control approval as well as contractors' availability. The target of the service was to respond in 6 months and award the grant within the same period. • Within the social sector you required the landlords' permissions to seek adaptation. • Members emphasised that the more homes that can be adapted, the better for everyone. Officers advised that the policy related for existing homes and not current/future developments. • Members requested the figures and details on the discretionary hospital avoidance grant.
	<p>AGREED ACTIONS</p> <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee reviewed the Disabled Facility Grant Policy and requested that Officers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain how/when developments are required to meet Part M4 regulations when over 50 dwellings and why it is not a blanket requirement for all. 2. Provide figures and details on the discretionary hospital avoidance grant.
41.	<p>CONSTITUTION REVIEW - SCRUTINY PROPOSALS</p> <p>The Adults and Health Committee received a report in relation to the proposed changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Functions and Procedures within the Council's Constitution.</p> <p>The Senior Democratic Services Officer introduced the report and key points raised included:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2024 there had been a review of the Constitution, and the scrutiny function had been red rated for improvement. • There had been several engagement sessions including a member survey. <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no comments.
	<p>AGREED ACTIONS</p> <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed and provided comment on the draft amendments to the Overview and Scrutiny Functions relating to their committee remit at appendix 1b. 2. Reviewed and provided comment on the draft amendments to the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules at appendix 2b. 3. Approved that the Senior Democratic Services Officer in consultation with the Statutory Scrutiny Officer finalise the proposals and submit for approval to the Constitution and Ethics Committee.
42.	MEETING START TIMES 2025-2026
	<p>The Senior Democratic Services Officer introduced the report which looked at the start time for the municipal year 2025-2026 to ask the Committee to agree to a time.</p> <p>Members of the committee unanimously agreed that the start time should remain at 6.00 pm for the municipal year 2025-26.</p>
	<p>ACTION AGREED</p> <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to keep the start time for all Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2025-26 at 6.00 pm.</p>
43.	WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025
	<p>The Senior Democratic Services Officer introduced the report which looked at the work programme for the municipal year 2024-2025 to determine the Committees priorities. Members were invited to make comments and suggestions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no comments.
	<p>ACTIONS AGREED</p> <p>The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to note the work programme.</p>
44.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
	The date of the next meeting was noted as being 11 March 2025.

CHAIR

7.06pm.

Meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at