

Initial Information Base and Suggested Work Plan topics for 2023/24 – For Caring Sub-Committee's Consideration

As set out in **Appendix B**, link Cabinet Members and lead Senior Leadership Team (SLT) officers have been identified to support the work of each Scrutiny Committee.

The link Cabinet Members for the Caring Sub-Committee (the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing) and lead SLT officers (the Director of Adult Social Care, together with the Director of Public Health) will be invited to meet with the Chair of Committee and outline potential policy areas which the Committee may wish to consider including in its programme of work for 2023/24.

It is suggested that the work programme should be considered by the Sub-Committee as a standing agenda item at each meeting in order that this is up to date and able to respond to emerging themes during the year.

Policy topics which the Sub-Committee might wish to consider as an evidence and information base when deciding its programme of work for 2023/24 are set out below.

Caring Sub-Committee – Potential Menu of Work Plan Items for 2023/24

Adult Social Care:

- Development of medium term strategy for Adult Social Care
- Individual Service Funds (ISF) – person centred care planning
- Hospital Discharge and Reablement
- Adult Social Care – Recruitment and Retention of Key Staff (Care Market)
- Domiciliary Care Contract and Framework
- Rehabilitation Offer – keeping individuals out of long term care where possible
- Joint commissioning of specialist services
- Direct Payments – improvement in support to carers; and promotion of choice and control for service users
- Increased use of technology to support packages of care

Health:

- **ICB Primary Care Strategy**
- **Tobacco control – Making Smoking Obsolete**
 - To understand the Government’s response to the Khan review and what we are doing locally. Including detail on the issue of vaping
 - This is important because tobacco is the risk factor making the largest contribution to years of life lost for both males and females and makes a significant contribution to the inequalities in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy across the borough.
- **Breast screening**
 - To understand NHS England’s plans for recovery of the programme following the pandemic
 - This is important because the COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on the cancer screening programmes, especially the breast screening programme for North Tyneside. The proportion of women screened for breast Cancer (50–70 years) within 6 months of invitation in 2022 in North Tyneside was 56.8% compared to 64.9% for England.
- **Support for unpaid carers’ health and wellbeing needs**
 - The work that carers do is invaluable and often supports some complex and intensive individuals in some very difficult circumstances. Without these carers the individual may well be in hospital or in more permanent residential or nursing home care, often at a much higher cost to social care and health.
 - Carers are a population group who experience health inequalities.
 - The Care Act 2014 placed additional duties and responsibilities on local authorities with regard to supporting carers
 - Healthwatch North Tyneside and North Tyneside Carers Centre have just undertaken research to understand carers experiences and issues.
- **Briefing on the new National Suicide Prevention Strategy and local implications**
 - new national suicide prevention strategy and implications across the system for our local suicide prevention plan
 - £10 million, 2-year, grant fund will be available for VCSE sector to support delivery of the updated national Suicide Prevention Strategy
 - Target launch of the grant has been moved up to **July** from September following minister request to align with launch of the revised SP strategy.