

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee is responsible for scrutinising matters in relation to health, public health and social care. The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee also has responsibility for considering matters related to other general policy proposals and issues beyond the remit of health and social care but with implications on health outcomes.

The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee has the following powers and duties:

1. To be the key driver of the scrutiny function's health and social care scrutiny programme and maintain relationships with health and social care colleagues and partners in relation to shared stated priorities, in consultation with the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
2. To be responsible for the discharge of the functions conferred by Section 21(f) of the Local Government Act 2000 of reviewing and scrutinising, in accordance with regulations under Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001, matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health and social care services in Harrow.
3. To have specific responsibility for policy development and scrutiny of the following functions:
 - Health and social care infrastructure and service
 - GP Consortia and the Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Public Health
 - Other policy proposals which may have an impact on health, public health, social care and wellbeing
 - Collaborative working with health agencies
 - Commissioning and contracting health services
4. To conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
5. To consider and make recommendations for response to NHS consultations on proposed substantial developments/variations in health services that would affect the people of LB Harrow.
6. To consider and make recommendations for response to consultations from local health trusts, Department of Health, Care Quality Commission and any organisation which provides health services outside the local authority's area to inhabitants within it.

7. Continue to seek the development of relationship with GP consortia, Health and Wellbeing Boards, Care Quality Commission, LINK/ HealthWatch and the LMC.

Any health matter requiring an urgent decision/comment before the next meeting of the Health Committee will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee if that is sooner.