



MEETING	CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	22 June 2023
TITLE	Care Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme 2023/24
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	Present the Committee's draft work programme for 2023/24 for adoption
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1. During the Committee's annual workshop on 9 May 2023 possible items to scrutinise during 2023/24 were considered. Items were prioritised bearing in mind the purpose of scrutiny in Gwynedd, namely:

CONTRIBUTE TO DRIVING IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GWYNEDD

This will be done constructively by:

- Investigating concerns regarding the quality of our services
- Acting as a Critical Friend, and ensuring that appropriate attention is given to the citizen's voice
- Identifying good practice and weaknesses
- Holding the Cabinet and its members to account
- Reviewing or scrutinising decisions or actions that are not the responsibility of the Cabinet

2. Members were asked to respond to an online question regarding their top five priorities from the list of possible items provided in advance prior to the workshop. Six main priorities emerged from the responses to the question, namely:

- Housing Allocation Policy and Housing Waiting List
- Domiciliary Care Service
- Housing Action Plan
- Gwynedd Mental Health Service (Adults, Health and Well-being Department)
- Arrangements for Managing and Maintaining Care Homes
- Day Care Service

3. Members discussed in smaller groups the top priorities as well as what else from the list should be scrutinised during 2023/24. When identifying their priorities members were asked to consider:
 - ❖ *Does the matter affect a vast proportion of the population?*
 - ❖ *Can scrutiny make a difference / have an influence? (People / service / performance)*
 - ❖ *Is it timely to scrutinise the matter?*
 - ❖ *Is the matter a priority for the Council?*
 - ❖ *Are we clear about what we are trying to improve?*
4. Following reporting back from the groups, items to scrutinise were prioritised and the relevant Heads of Department and Cabinet Members were invited to note any additional matters that needed consideration in terms of the items prioritised by Members of the Committee as well as provide observations on the timing of the scrutiny.
5. The Committee's draft work programme is attached as an appendix to the report. An effort was made to prioritise a maximum of three items per meeting in order to ensure that due attention was given to matters and that scrutiny would add value. All members are expected to ensure their attendance for the morning and afternoon session.
6. The scrutiny forward programme is a live programme which will be reviewed regularly during the year to ensure that the correct matters are addressed. Consideration will be given to prioritise matters that will arise during the year e.g., matters from performance challenge meetings and items on the Cabinet's forward programme.
7. **The Care Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt the work programme for 2023/24.**

CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DRAFT FORWARD PROGRAMME 2023/24

22/06/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwynedd Mental Health Service (Adults, Health and Well-being Department) • Recruitment and retention of social workers (Children and Supporting Families Department) • Findings of the Care Inspectorate Wales Review: Safeguarding Children Service
21/09/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Allocation Policy and Housing Waiting List • Housing One Stop Shop • Supported accommodation including learning disabilities services, mental health and support for women
23/11/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Care Service • Arrangements for managing and maintaining care homes • Support for unpaid carers
01/02/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Action Plan • Preventative work that is commissioned to the third sector (adults & children)
11/04/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domiciliary Care Service • Short Breaks Service (Derwen Integrated Team)

Items to be programmed:

Autism Plan Task and Finish Group Brief

Report by the Autism Plan Task and Finish Group