



MEETING	CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	13 June 2024
TITLE	Care Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme 2024/25
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	Present the Committee's draft work programme for 2024/25 for adoption
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1. During the Committee's annual workshop on 30 April 2024 possible items to scrutinise during 2024/25 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. The main priorities that emerged from the responses to the question, were:
 1. Gwynedd Mental Health Service
 - = Domiciliary Care Service
 - = Developing a small group residential provision for looked after children
 - = Housing Action Plan
 2. Additional scrutiny meeting or specific task group to scrutinise the social housing field only
3. Members discussed the top priorities as well as what else from the list should be scrutinised during 2024/25. 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. 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. 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 item 'Care Academy' was identified as a reserve item.
7. 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.
8. See attached as an appendix to the report the Committee's draft work programme.
9. **The Care Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt the work programme for 2024/25.**

CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DRAFT FORWARD PROGRAMME 2024/25

Date	Items	Reason for scrutiny
13/6/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council's capacity to implement the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Arrangements • Strategic Safeguarding Panel's Annual Report 2023/24 • Developing a small group residential provision for looked after children 	A matter on the risk register
		Assurance in terms of corporate safeguarding arrangements
		Council Plan 2023-28 - A Caring Gwynedd
26/9/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domiciliary Care Service • Dementia provision and transport for those with dementia to attend day care • Annual Report 2023-24 - Complaints, Enquiries and Expressions of Gratitude - Children and Supporting Families and the Adults, Health and Well-being Departments 	Council Plan 2023-28 - A Caring Gwynedd
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		Assurance in terms of the arrangements to deal with complaints in the care work field
21/11/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A specific meeting to scrutinise the social housing field only 	Council Plan 2023-28 - A Homely Gwynedd
30/1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health – concern about GP's, mental health, collaborative relationship between health, care and ambulance service 	Concern in the community and the impact on residents
3/4/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwynedd Mental Health Service • Progress Report on the Autism Team's Work Programme • Housing Action Plan 	Council Plan 2023-28 - A Caring Gwynedd
		Recommendation deriving from the work of a Task and Finish Group / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Caring Gwynedd
		Council Plan 2023-28 - A Homely Gwynedd