

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel **Terms of Reference**

1. To scrutinise matters relating to health and public health and to hear the views of local residents, with a view to improving health services, reducing health inequalities and improving the health of local residents.
2. To respond to consultations by local service commissioners, providers and by the Department of Health.
3. To consider whether changes proposed by local health trusts amount to a substantial variation or development and, if so, to take appropriate action including appointing members to any joint committee where the proposals cover more than one local authority's area, including undertaking all the statutory functions in accordance with Section 244, of the National Health Act 2006, (as amended by Health and Social Care Act 2012) regulations and guidance under that section.
4. To assist the council in the management of its contractual arrangements relating to LINKs under section 221 (1) of the Local Government and public involvement in health act and statutory instrument 2008 No. 528.
5. To scrutinise the impact of the Council's own services and of key partnerships on the health of its population.

In performing the above duties the Panel will scrutinise:-

- Arrangements made by local NHS bodies to secure hospital and community health services for the residents of Plymouth;
- the provision of family health services, personal medical services, personal dental services, pharmacy and NHS ophthalmic services;
- the public health arrangements in the area, e.g. arrangements by NHS bodies for the surveillance of, and response to, outbreaks of communicable disease or the provision of specialist health promotion services;
- the planning of health services by NHS bodies, including plans made in co-operation with local authorities, setting out a strategy for improving both the health of the local population, and the provision of health care to that population;
- the arrangements made by NHS bodies for consulting and involving patients and the public under the duty placed on them by Section 11 of the Health & Social Care Act 2001;
- Social care services and other related services delivered by the authority.

Policy Areas

- Adult Social Care
- Partner Organisations NHS Plymouth South Hams and West Devon, NHS Plymouth Hospitals Trust, South West Ambulance Service, LINK, NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, Health and Wellbeing Board, Strategic Health Authority and the Department of Health.

- Safeguarding across commissioned providers

Cabinet Members

- Public Health and Social Care

Directorate

- Public Health
- People Directorate

Corporate Priorities

The panel will support the following city priorities through its activities –

Raise aspirations

Promote Plymouth and encourage people to aim higher and take pride in the city.

Reduce inequalities

Reduce the inequality gap, particularly in health, between communities.

Provide value for communities

Work together to maximise resources to benefit customers and make internal efficiencies.

LSP Link

- (Shadow) Health and Wellbeing Board

Membership

The Chair of the Panel shall serve on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The panel can consider inviting non-voting co-opted members to join the panel, subject to the approval of management board. All Members of the panel will adhere to the general rules of overview and scrutiny.