

The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board is responsible for:

- (1) services for older and vulnerable adults;
- (2) local safeguarding arrangements for adults;
- (3) whole life services for people with disabilities and/or learning disabilities;
- (4) mental health services;
- (5) dementia services;
- (6) Public Health;
- (7) the activities of NHS Trusts, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS England, Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch;
- (8) the Better Care Fund.

Additionally, the Board has specific responsibilities around National Health Service organisations. Further details are set out in the Board's terms of reference on modern.gov.

14 July 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Establishment of Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee	To meet statutory requirements and collaborate with health agencies on the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area affecting both local authorities.	N/A	People needs for care and support are reduced or prevented through early intervention and prevention programmes. Residents are protected from harms to their health and wellbeing.	Stephnie Hancock/Rhys Attwell
Developments in Mental Health (MH) and	Policy Development	Proposed change to ADHD service.	Health outcomes for Sandwell's most vulnerable groups are	Laura Brookes (NHS)

Learning Disabilities & Autism (LDA)			<p>improved, and health inequalities are reduced.</p> <p>People remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and lead fulfilled lives (re-abolment).</p>	
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1 September 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
End of Life Care Provision in Sandwell	Seeking Assurance	To receive an overview of Connected Palliative Care service.	People remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and lead fulfilled lives.	Suni Patel
Men's Mental Health	Seeking Assurance	To receive an overview of the men's mental health services.	<p>People to lead healthy lives in their community and live well for longer.</p> <p>Health outcomes for Sandwell's most vulnerable groups are improved, and health inequalities are reduced.</p>	TBA

17 November 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Adult Statutory Complaints Report	Seeking Assurance	To receive a report due to regulatory compliance, performance monitoring and public accountability.	Higher quality inclusive services for all of our customers.	Trudie Morris/ Rashpal Bishop
Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report	Seeking Assurance	To receive a report due to regulatory compliance, performance monitoring and public accountability	Residents feel safe in their communities during the day and at night.	Deb Ward
Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny recommendations.	Holding to Account/ Seeking Assurance	Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny recommendations.	Clear and transparent decision making and effective governance (data driven).	Cabinet Member Relevant directors
CQC Inspection Findings	Holding to Account/ Seeking Assurance	Findings of CQC inspection and way forward.	People to lead health lives in their community and live well for longer.	Cabinet Member and relevant Director

19 January 2026

Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Sandwell's Dementia Strategy	Policy Development and Seeking Assurance	A progress update on the implementation and key objectives of the 2019–2025 Dementia Strategy, with a critical evaluation of its impact and areas for improvement.	<p>People remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and lead fulfilled lives.</p> <p>Carers feel supported in carrying out their caring role.</p>	Maxine Groves
Tackling Obesity	Seeking Assurance	To obtain a comprehensive overview of obesity data and trends in Sandwell, and to critically assess all available information with the aim of improving health outcomes	<p>Residents are protected from harms to their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>People needs for care and support are reduced or prevented through early intervention and prevention programmes.</p> <p>People to lead Healthy Lives in their community and live well for longer.</p>	TBA

9 March 2026

Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Adult Social Care Improvement Plan	Policy Development	To support the formulation of Adult Social Care Improvement Plan.	<p>People's needs for care and support are reduced or prevented through early intervention and prevention programmes.</p> <p>People remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and lead fulfilled lives (reablement).</p>	DASS&CM
Carers' Offer	Policy Development	To support the formulation of a new carers, offer.	<p>Peoples to lead healthy lives in their community and live well for longer.</p> <p>Carers feel supported in carrying out their caring role.</p>	Director of Adult Social Care
Tracking and Monitoring Impact of Scrutiny Recommendations	Holding to Account/ Seeking Assurance	Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny recommendations.	Clear and transparent decision making and effective governance (data driven).	Cabinet Member and relevant director

