

# Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health & Active Lifestyles)

## Year End Summary: 2023/24



# Scrutiny at Leeds City Council



## Purpose

Scrutiny is nationally recognised as an integral part of the improvement landscape for local government and forms part of governance arrangements for councils and some other local statutory bodies.

## Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference that are applied to all Scrutiny Boards are set out in Leeds City Council's Constitution. The variations in the Scrutiny Boards' remits, together with any special responsibilities, are captured within Article 6 of the Constitution.

Article 6 also sets out the Council's agreed 'Vision for Scrutiny'.

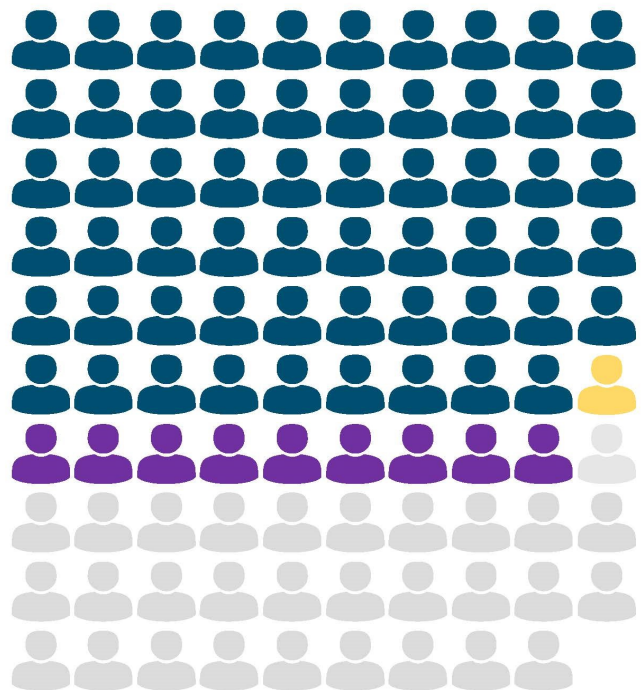
## Transparency & Accountability

Scrutiny Boards usually meet in public, holding key decision makers to account, as well as providing 'critical friend' challenge and support for public service improvement and policy development.

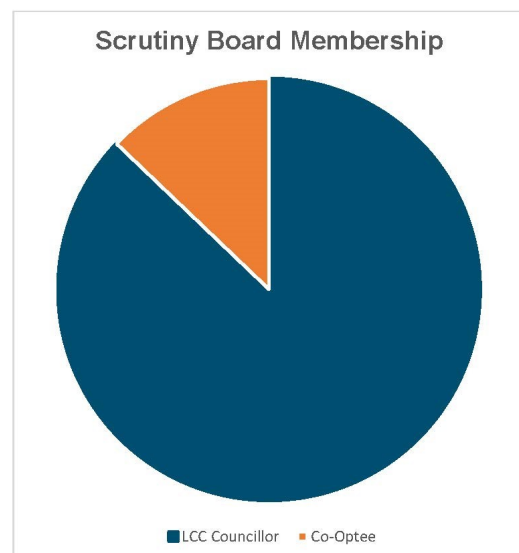
## Membership

Membership of all Scrutiny Boards broadly reflects the political balance of the Council and cannot include members of the Council's Executive.

There is provision for Scrutiny Boards to appoint additional Co-opted Members.



Councillors who are Scrutiny Board members



# Adults, Health & Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board 2023/24



**Cllr Paul Alderson**



**Cllr Caroline Anderson**



**Cllr Luke Farley**



**Cllr Mahalia France-Mir**



**Cllr James Gibson**



**Cllr Conrad Hart-Brooke**



**Cllr Mohammed Iqbal**



**Cllr Wyn Kidger**



**Cllr Kevin Ritchie**



**Cllr Andrew Scopes**



**Cllr Eileen Taylor**



**Dr John Beal  
(co-opted member)**

## ***Adults, Health & Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board***

*Focusing on services for adults and public health services to monitor progress towards improving health, lifestyles and quality of care across the city; and providing oversight of integration and partnership working within and between the council and health bodies. The Board will also oversee the active lifestyle related functions and activity across the city.*

## **Completed Work Schedule for the 2023/24 Municipal Year**

Each Scrutiny Board schedules eight formal meetings throughout the course of a municipal year. The Local Government Act 1972 requires formal meetings to be held in person to enable members of the public to be admitted as observers wherever the meeting is being held. To further promote access and engagement, formal meetings are also webcast.

In addition, the Scrutiny Board may choose to carry out additional work using alternative methods including site visits, working groups and remote consultative meetings (consultative sessions do not constitute formal meetings but do enable public access via a webcast).

The completed work schedule of the Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health & Active Lifestyles) for the 2023/24 municipal year has been provided as part of this summary. This presents an overview of all meetings held throughout the year and the work items considered at each meeting. The work schedule also includes links to the agenda papers, minutes and webcast recordings of the Scrutiny Board's publicly accessible meetings.



# Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board

## Statement from the Chair



“This year I had the privilege of chairing the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board, which is focused on improving the health of local people and ensuring their needs are considered as an integral part of the commissioning, delivery and development of health and social care services.

The Board’s work schedule for 2023/24 reflects the wide range of issues that were addressed throughout the year. These included very sensitive issues such as out of hours bereavement arrangements; safeguarding; suicide prevention; and drug and alcohol misuse which was linked to a refresh of the existing Leeds Drug and Alcohol Strategy. There were also issues of significant public interest, such as the provision of local GP and dental services.

Improving oral health and access to NHS dentistry has been a longstanding area of interest to this Scrutiny Board, as well as for the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC). Following the transfer of commissioning responsibility for local dental services to the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) from April 2023, we were pleased to learn from local providers, practitioners and patient representatives that this is proving to be a positive move, with more targeted progress now being made towards improving local dentistry provision. However, it is evident that more still needs to be done, particularly at a national level where there is a recognised need to prioritise the reform of the dental contract.

The Board also engaged with representatives from the Leeds GP Confederation and Leeds Local Medical Committee to discuss expectations surrounding the new model of general practice set out in the national Primary Care Access Recovery Plan. As well as considering ongoing efforts aimed at reducing barriers that some patients face when accessing services, attention was also given to addressing staff burnout and morale issues linked to recruitment and retention challenges that are reflective of the national picture too.

We also considered how partners are working collaboratively to address workforce challenges more broadly across the health and care sector and building resilience within the Leeds Health and Care System, particularly around Winter pressures. These remain annual work items.

In June 2023, the Board had urgently sought clarity surrounding a decision to cease referrals into the Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service and set out its views in a formal published statement. Given the wide-ranging implications of living with obesity on health and beyond, our March 2024 meeting also had a themed focus around supporting healthy weight and active lifestyles for the population of Leeds.

We have had a very busy year and I would like to thank the Executive Members, officers and all partners for their support and active contributions to the Board’s work. I would also like to thank my fellow Board Members for their valuable input and dedication towards ensuring that the health and care needs of Leeds residents are being met.

Councillor Andrew Scopes  
Scrutiny Chair



# Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board

## Work Schedule 2023/24

June	July	September
<a href="#"><u>Meeting Agenda for 13/06/23 at 1.30 pm.</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Meeting Agenda for 11/07/23 at 1.30 pm.</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Meeting Agenda for 12/09/23 at 1.30 pm.</u></a>
Scrutiny Board Terms of Reference and Sources of Work.  Performance Update.  Innovation in Health and Care in Leeds.	Leeds Mental Health Strategy 2020 - 2025.  Healthy Leeds Plan Refresh.  Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service – Scrutiny Board Statement.	Access to General Practice.  Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022.  Formal Response to Scrutiny Statement re: Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service.
Additional Sessions		
<b>Working Group:</b> Health Service Developments Working Group - The Leeds Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service. 28/06/23.		

October	November	December
<a href="#"><u>Meeting Agenda for 10/10/23 at 1.30 pm.</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Meeting Agenda for 7/11/23 at 1.30 pm.</u></a>	
Leeds Health and Care System Resilience and Winter Planning.  Workforce challenges impacting on health and care service delivery in Leeds.  Home First Programme.	Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board Progress Report.  Street-lives Thematic Review.	
Additional Sessions		
<b>Working Group:</b> Neurodiversity assessments for children. 23/10/23 (A summary of this meeting was shared with the Board in November).	<b>Working Group:</b> Access to local NHS Dental Services. 16/11/23 (A summary of this meeting was shared with the Board in January).	<b>Member Briefing Session:</b> NHS Finance Management. 01/12/23.  <b>Working Group:</b> 2024/25 Initial Budget Proposals. 18/12/23.



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January	February	March
<a href="#"><u>Meeting Agenda for 16/01/24 at 1.30 pm.</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Meeting Agenda for 13/02/24 at 1.30 pm.</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Meeting Agenda for 12/03/24 at 1.30 pm.</u></a>
<p>Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Out of Hours Bereavement Arrangements.</p> <p>Performance Report.</p> <p>Financial Health Monitoring.</p> <p>2024/25 Initial Budget Proposals.</p>	<p>Leeds Drug and Alcohol Strategy.</p> <p>Suicide Prevention Action Plan.</p>	<p>A themed focus on supporting healthy weight and active lifestyles, including the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing and developing healthy weight management actions/initiatives.</li> <li>• Updated position on the Tier 3 Weight Management Service recovery work and service redesign plans.</li> <li>• Progress on the Physical Activity Ambition.</li> </ul> <p>End of Year Summary Statement</p>
Additional Sessions		
	<p><b>Working Group:</b> NHS Finance Update. 26/02/24.</p>	

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