

## Proposed criteria for prioritising health scrutiny topics 2025/26

The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) guidance on prioritising a scrutiny work programme encourages councillors to consider:

- can scrutiny add value
- does it reflect public interest
- is the issue a priority
- will it duplicate work being done elsewhere
- can the impact be measured

The following criteria are proposed for assessing potential health scrutiny topics for inclusion in to 2025/25 work programme:

1. Scrutiny is likely to result in improvements in health provision for local people
2. An issue has been identified by the Care Quality Commission in relation to local healthcare provision.
3. The topic has been identified as an area of concern or one where scrutiny could add value by councillors, local partners or stakeholders.
4. The topic is of concern to local people, evidenced through feedback received via the [health scrutiny webpage](#) and/ or councillors' casework.
5. A service is performing poorly or is attracting high levels of public dissatisfaction.
6. A service is performing above expectations, attracting high levels of public satisfaction and/ or maximising the use of available resources in innovative and potentially transferable ways.
7. Will there be a measurable outcome.
8. The topic aligns with the Council's Ambition 3: Health inequalities are reduced.
9. The topic aligns with the Council's Ambition 4: People enjoy healthy, safe and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs.
10. The topic aligns with the Council's Ambition 7: Children and young people have opportunities to thrive.