

**Report Title:** Adult Social Care Performance

Date of meeting:	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Adult Social Care and Health		
Report of:	Executive Director Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing		
Portfolio:	Adult Social Care and Health		
Wards affected:	All Wards		
Is this a key decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt/confidential report:	No		

**Summary:**

This report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to provide an overview of Adult Social Care’s performance against a number of required national and local metrics. It is part of the regular cycle of reporting to Committee and key in terms of preparation for Sefton’s upcoming Care Quality Commission (CQC) assessment. It utilises a number of data sources to provide an overview for Adult Social Care, identifying areas of strong performance and those requiring focus. It supports both strategic commissioning and service planning. The report also details key actions being taken within identified areas of focus. The full report is contained within Appendix one and is provided for review, scrutiny and assurance

**Recommendation(s):**

(1) Committee are asked to note the contents of the report, provide comment and be assured on the actions being taken in areas of identified performance.

(2) It is recommended that regular updates continue to be provided to the Committee regarding the performance of Adult Social Care.

## 1. The Rationale and Evidence for the Recommendations

Adult Social Care assesses performance against a number of measures. The report provides an overview of performance against national indications contained within the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF), annual surveys and local performance indicators.

Within Adult Social Care there is a well established Strategic Performance and Finance Board in place and a Quality, Safety and Practice Assurance meeting. Reports are shared directly with the Executive Director and Cabinet Member, and mitigation plans are put in place for any performance and risks requiring specific focus. Regular reporting is also in place to the Executive Leadership Team.

The national assurance framework for Adult Social Care was introduced in April 2023 and is a statutory requirement for all Councils. Adult Social Care services within Sefton have now received confirmation that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will undertake an onsite assessment of services during the 27-29th January 2025.

As part of the assurance process, the CQC will scrutinise key performance data before conducting onsite visits. CQC already have access to the data provided in the report, which is provided for existing national returns (and as part of the required data return). Whilst this is already utilised for strategic commissioning and service delivery, ongoing scrutiny and visibility is key in ensuring ongoing evaluation of performance and quality of practice.

## 2. Financial Implications

No additional costs are identified for this specific report

## 3. Legal Implications

The information provided in the report provides details of performance against statutory data sets

## 4. Corporate Risk Implications

None identified within this report

## 5 Staffing HR Implications

None identified within this report

## 6 Conclusion

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected None** – All Local Authorities are required to report against statutory returns and performance.

<b>Equality Implications:</b>
Equitability of support is a fundamental principal within the Care Act 2014 and the National Assurance Framework.
<b>Impact on Children and Young People:</b>
Adult Social Care has a statutory duty to ensure that arrangements are in place for

those children and young people requiring a transition into adult services. The effectiveness of these arrangements will be assessed by CQC as part of the national assurance framework.

**Climate Emergency Implications:**

Neutral Impact

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Executive Director of Corporate Services and Commercial (FD7901/24) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD6001/24) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**(B) External Consultations**

Not applicable

**Implementation Date for the Decision:**

With immediate effect. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**Appendices:**

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix 1 – Adult Social Care Performance Report

**Background Papers:**

None