

ADULTS SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY BOARD
28/01/2025 at 6.00 pm



Present: Councillor Moores (Chair)
Councillors Hamblett, Hurley, J. Hussain, Ibrahim, Kouser,
Rustidge and Sharp

Also in Attendance:

Cllr Brownridge	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing
Rebecca Fletcher	Director of Public Health
Jayne Ratcliffe	Director of Adult Social Services
Andrew Mather	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Adams.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Board agreed to consider a report on Gambling Harms as urgent business. See minute 7 below.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ADULTS SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY BOARD MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2024 be approved as a correct record.

6 **SMOKING IN PREGNANCY**

A report was presented by the Director of Public Health providing an overview of the progress made in reducing smoking rates during pregnancy in Oldham. A presentation was also given by NHS Northern Care Alliance Community Care Midwives on how they were encouraging mothers and their partners to quit smoking both during and following pregnancy. The discussion highlighted key initiatives, including community-based interventions, smoking cessation programs, and financial incentives for expectant mothers to quit smoking. Members welcomed the progress and discussed the need for further outreach efforts.

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress in reducing smoking in pregnancy rates be noted.
2. That further engagement with community partners be encouraged to enhance the initiative's effectiveness.

7 **TERMS OF REFERENCE - JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW**

AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE NORTHERN CARE ALLIANCE



The Board considered proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference following Salford City Council's decision to withdraw from the committee. The amendments included reducing the committee size and revising quorum requirements.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Board approves the continued participation of Oldham Council in the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference be approved.

8 WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Board considered its Work Programme for 2024/25. Members discussed upcoming agenda items and noted changes to the scheduling of reports.

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be noted.

9 KEY DECISION DOCUMENT

The Board reviewed the Key Decision Document detailing significant upcoming decisions

RESOLVED: That the Key Decision Document be noted.

10 RULE 13 AND 14

The Chair reported that he had approved under Rule 13 and 14 the submission of a report on MioCare to the meeting of Shareholder Committee on 5th December 2024.

11 MIOCARE ANNUAL REVIEW

The Board received the MioCare Annual Review, which provided an update on the operational and financial performance of MioCare Group during 2023/24, along with future business strategy and budget considerations for 2024/25. Members discussed challenges faced in the sector and the role of MioCare in addressing them.

RESOLVED: That the MioCare Annual Review be noted.

12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting, for the following item of business, on the grounds that it contains exempt information under paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the documents considered.

13 MIOCARE ANNUAL REVIEW

A discussion took place regarding the financial sustainability and future strategic direction of MioCare.

RESOLVED: That the confidential report be noted

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 7.15pm.

