

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee Chair's Update – May 2026

Scrutiny Review – Stockton-on-Tees Adult Carers Support Service	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee's final report was presented to, and subsequently endorsed by, SBC Cabinet in March 2026.</p> <p>A draft Action Plan relating to the report's recommendations was presented to, and subsequently approved by, the Committee in April 2026. The first update on progress of these actions will be required in early-2027.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	n/a
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Protection of Property	
Achieved since last meeting	n/a
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	Initial meetings to begin the scoping process for the Committee's next in-depth review of Protection of Property will be held in May 2026 with a view to presenting a draft scope and plan to the Committee for approval at either the May or June 2026 meeting.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>CQC / PAMMS Inspections – Quarterly Update: A report was presented at the Committee meeting in February 2026 detailing the findings of both CQC and PAMMS inspections that had been published in the third quarter (October to December 2025) of 2025-2026.</p> <p>Tees Valley Care and Health Innovation Zone (TVCHIZ): In order for the Committee to have increased oversight of developments in relation to this initiative, SBC officers had recently proposed that more frequent reports were presented to formal Committee meetings (rather than simplified versions of the minutes from TVCHIZ Strategic Programme Board meetings being shared). Consideration would therefore be given as to the scheduling of these updates for the 2026-2027 municipal year.</p> <p>Stockton-on-Tees Wellbeing Hub: In April 2026, the Committee received a presentation on the Stockton-on-Tees Wellbeing Hub which outlined its achievements since opening in July 2024. Subsequent discussion points covered the various partners who were involved at the Hub (including co-working / information-sharing), those accessing the facility for support, and funding.</p>

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	<p>Overview Report: SBC Adults, Health and Wellbeing (Adult Social Care and Strategy & Transformation): Following a decision in 2025 to resume overview and performance reporting to the Council's Select Committees, an overview-only report was presented to the Committee in April 2026 in relation to the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Adults, Health and Wellbeing directorate (<i>note: the reporting of performance measures would not commence until September / October 2026</i>). Specifically focusing upon the Adult Social Care and the Strategy & Transformation departments, the report outlined key achievements and challenges in 2025-2026, as well as emerging issues within these areas of Council activity. Member comments / questions centred on the anticipated data in relation to performance measures that would be provided to future meetings, the reported increase in requests for care from working age adults, hospital discharge, and the new requirement for the Council to publish a supported housing strategy in 2027.</p> <p>North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT) Quality Account 2025-2026: The annual NTHFT Quality Account item would be considered at the Committee meeting in May 2026, with senior University Hospitals Tees (UHT) personnel scheduled to be in attendance to present an overview of NTHFT performance against its 2025-2026 quality priorities, as well as highlighting any identified priorities for 2026-2027. Following this, the Committee would prepare and submit a third-party statement for inclusion in the Trust's published Quality Account document.</p>
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NHS Updates / Consultations

<p>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</p>	<p>NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB): Following the early-2025 announcement requiring ICBs to reduce running and programme costs, the NENC ICB is progressing with the implementation of its strategic commissioning transition programme. From April 2026, place partnerships, led by local partners, will take on increased responsibility for the delivery and governance of integrated care and neighbourhood models. As part of this transition, ICB-led place committees will conclude at the end of March 2026, with locally-led governance arrangements taking their place.</p> <p>Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW): In March 2026, CNTW provided an update on its forthcoming engagement programme regarding the future of specialist inpatient mental health services for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability, and outlined how it was seeking views from stakeholders across the region – this has since been raised with the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as a potential future agenda item.</p> <p>Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV): In March 2026, TEWV issued correspondence regarding a review of the pathway and model of care for adult eating disorder services, noting the formal engagement process which had now</p>
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	<p>commenced in relation to this area of provision. The review of the services would include looking at how and where TEWV provide specialist inpatient adult eating disorder provision, as well as how it develops community services. Again, this has since been raised with the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as a potential future agenda item.</p> <p>NHS England (North East and Yorkshire): At the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting in March 2026, Members were made aware of a recently received letter from the Director of Specialised Commissioning, Health and Justice, and Public Health (North East and Yorkshire Region) and the NENC ICB Chief Contracting & Procurement Officer outlining proposed changes to the delivery of neonatal care across the North East and North Cumbria region. It was agreed that an additional Committee meeting should be convened in the near future to enable further detail to be provided and considered.</p>
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Regional Health Committees

<p>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</p>	<p>Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee: Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council hosted the Committee in 2025-2026. The most recent meeting took place on 12 March 2026 and included Quality Account presentations from both North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (NEAS) and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV). TEWV also provided an urgent care mental health crisis update.</p> <p>As per previously agreed rotational arrangements, Chair and support responsibilities for this joint committee would move to Middlesbrough Council for 2026-2027. The first meeting date of the new municipal year had been scheduled for 2 June 2026 where Quality Account presentations from both North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT) and South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) would be considered.</p> <p>Southern Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS) Joint Health Scrutiny Committee: No meetings are currently scheduled.</p> <p>North East Regional Health Committee: No meetings are currently scheduled.</p>
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Monitoring

<p>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</p>	<p>No updates had been considered by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to GPs and Primary Medical Care (May 2026) • Reablement Service (September 2026)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockton-on-Tees Adult Carers Support Service (TBC – early-2027)
Requests for more information	None

2026-2027 Scrutiny Reviews

- Protection of Property

Remaining 2026-2027 Meetings (all 4.30pm unless stated)

Tuesday 19 May 2026	Tuesday 17 November 2026
Tuesday 23 June 2026	Tuesday 15 December 2026
Tuesday 21 July 2026	Tuesday 19 January 2027
Tuesday 22 September 2026	Tuesday 16 February 2027
Tuesday 20 October 2026	Tuesday 23 March 2027