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Question:

How can the committee do its scrutiny effectively when so many different sectors are all lumped together under one umbrella?

Response:

Almost every aspect of the council's work involves close partnership working, including our public health and social care duties. These often complex working arrangements are themselves a valid and necessary topic for scrutiny.

The committee recognises the challenge this faces, and is producing a comprehensive programme of briefings and training in order to develop its understanding of the numerous organisations that deliver health and social care services. This matter will be a topic for discussion at the committee's meeting on 29 July 2024.