

Item No. 17.	Classification: Open	Date: 13 June 2023	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Cover report for Access to Medical Appointments scrutiny review report	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the cabinet notes the recommendations of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission: Access to Medical Appointments scrutiny review report, Appendix A, as set out on page 3 – 6 of the report.
2. That the cabinet considers the recommendations from the Commission and requests that the relevant cabinet member reports back to cabinet on the relevant recommendation, as set out below.
3. Overview and scrutiny procedure rule 15.3 requires cabinet to consider and provide a written response to the report within two months.

BACKGROUND

4. The Commission received evidence from local NHS and Partnership Southwark colleagues as well as Healthwatch, SLaM mental health advocates and local residents in drawing up the report.
5. The review took place during a period of change as the new integrated health and care partnership arrangements at the South East London level and borough level were formally constituted.
6. The South East London (SEL) Integrated Care System (ICS) and Integrated Care Board (ICB) were established by statute on 1 July 2022. Partnership Southwark (which is the name of the Local Care Partnership - LCP) has delegated functions from the ICB for the provision and integration of out of hospital services and the NHS works with the Council to jointly commission a range of services for local residents.

KEY ISSUES

7. The recommendations are principally for the South East London Integrated Care Board (SEL ICB) and / or Partnership Southwark LCP.
8. The second part of recommendation nine is for Cabinet.

9. Recommendation nine also calls for joint work between the SEL ICB, Partnership Southwark LCP and the council on addressing local recruitment and retention of GPs and local health practitioners.
10. The Commission will request a report back from the SEL ICB/ Partnership Southwark LCP in the same time frame in order to facilitate a joint response to recommendation nine.
11. Recommendation seven is to explore a form to share information, and is part of work underway to agree a joint working protocol between scrutiny and Partnership Southwark, which will ultimately follow a further governance process and be formally agreed by the appropriate body.
12. Cabinet is invited to comment on any of the recommendations.
13. It is for cabinet to decide whether or not to accept the scrutiny commission's recommendation.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Health and Social Care Scrutiny Commission agenda and papers 2022/23	Scrutiny Team 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Julie Timbrell 020 7525 0514
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APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Health & Social Care Scrutiny Commission: Access to Medical Appointments scrutiny review report

AUDIT TRAIL

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