



***Presentation: Social Care and Education
Quarter 4 Priorities and Performance Ambitions
2025-26 (January to March) and Quality
Assurance***

Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

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Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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1. Purpose of report

To provide an update on performance in the social care and education and information on monitoring and improving quality.

2. Summary

Directors will deliver a presentation on performance in the relevant divisions of the Social Care and Education Department services in Quarter 4 of 2025-26. This is a developing format and this quarter is being used as a pilot to refine the presentation of this information ready for a formal launch for the framework for the 2026-27 and 2027-28

3. Recommendations

That the CYPE /ASC Scrutiny Commission note the report and make any recommendations for future improvements or service development.

5. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. However it is noted that in line with Priority 4, the relevant divisions of the Social Care and Education department are committing to continue our grip on finances by seeking opportunities to deliver best value and reduce growth whilst pursuing excellence in service delivery. The other priorities will also contribute to delivering financial sustainability across the division and the wider council. Social Care and Education services are a large part of the total council spend so it is important for them to remain in control of their costs.

Mohammed Irfan, Head of Finance
05 June 2026

5.2 Legal implications

The report is provided to note developments and consider future recommendations. There are no direct legal implications from a childcare perspective at this stage.

Amy Owen-Davis Principal Solicitor – Childcare, Social Care & Safeguarding
4th June 2026

Social Care and Safeguarding There are no direct legal implications to this report.

Vicky Sowah Principal Solicitor 4 June 2026

5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

There are no climate emergency implications arising from this report.

Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer, Ext 372246
3rd June 2026

5.4 Equalities Implications

Our Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED), requires us to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic as defined by the Equality Act 2010 (sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, disability, race, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, age) and those who do not. The report and presentation provide an update on performance across social care and education, including progress on quality monitoring and improvement activities. The presentation focuses on the thirteen identified priorities, with priority five dedicated to developing an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion maturity matrix and delivering a clear action plan to support continuous improvement and organisational growth. Key equality considerations should include embedding equality throughout service delivery and decision-making, understanding and responding to the city's demographic profile and monitoring services to identify and address inequalities and improve outcomes for all communities. If changes are proposed in the way services are delivered, it is recommended that Equality Impact Assessments are undertaken, in order to demonstrate that the consideration of equalities impacts has been taken into account in the development of proposals and as an integral part of the decision-making process.

Sukhi Biring, Equalities Officer
5 June 2026

6. Background information and other papers:

N/A

7. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A: Priorities and Performance Ambitions Q4, 2025-26