Foreword - Achieving Data Driven Scrutiny

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O&S has an important role to play in strengthening the decisions that are made on behalf of local people, with the HASC Committee focussed on supporting activity relating to health and adult social care services.

HASC councillors were mindful that there is a wealth of data available to support us in our role as effective scrutineers. This data tells a story of the needs and experiences of residents using health and care related services as well as the performance of services, the costs associated, and the judgements formed by the council and other responsible bodies on service direction.

Acknowledging that the data and policy landscape is extensive and complex, and with many new councillors joining BCP Council in 2023, we recognised that one of our first jobs as a committee was to better understand the various data sources and how these could provide a wider evidence base for the work of scrutiny.

A working group of councillors was established and has produced this toolkit with the support of expert officers and data analysts from both within the council and our colleagues from Public Health and the NHS. Thanks are given to the officers who have provided their time and expertise in bringing this toolkit together.

As our data and tools to understand it are growing more sophisticated, the potential for councils and health partners to use it to shape and target services and interventions is huge. Through our working group investigations, it was clear to us that as a council and a local healthcare system we're ambitious on that journey. As our data tools develop, this toolkit will be updated to reflect these.

Above all else, the working group acknowledged that scrutiny councillors are not expected to be data analysts or experts in the field. The strength of scrutiny lies in the ability of councillors to listen to residents and shine a light on issues of public importance, to ask the right questions of those designing and delivering services, and to draw upon the relevant evidence in response to those questions. The toolkit has been developed with this in mind and with the aim of being a resource for current and new councillors in their understanding of the data landscape.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this toolkit is to provide councillors with:

- an understanding of the purpose and benefits of data use by the Health & Adult Social Care (HASC) O&S Committee
- access to a range of data tools that will support a proactive approach to incorporating data into scrutiny work

2. How to use this toolkit

This toolkit is focussed on the data sources that will support work within the remit of the Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee. Other O&S committees will find alternative data sets more relevant to their work.

Sections 3 – 7 provide guidance on the definitions of data, the value of data for scrutiny work, and guidance on how to request and use data.

Table 1 provides detail of the various data sources presented to and considered by the Data Working Group.

Data, research, reports and analysis sources have been provided in this toolkit. All may serve a purpose for scrutiny for different reasons. Sources include a brief description, advisory notes on how to use them and have been categorized in the following ways:

- Accessibility
- Local/ national relevance
- The type of scrutiny work that the source will support (deep dive/ horizon scanning)

Many data sources are public, with links provided for easy access. Some tools provide data with supporting narrative, whilst others may require an account to access, or present raw data in a way that may will benefit from the assistance of officers to interpret. Taking account of this, sources are categorised as 'self-serve' or 'supported access'.

Councillors can also use the sources available through this toolkit to support their own background research for O&S work and develop a wider understanding of health and adult social care issues to better inform their scrutiny enquiries and work programming judgements.

3. What is data?

Data or intelligence is the quantitative and qualitative information we gather from systems and people. It is used by the council and health providers to understand outcomes for people and ensure the services delivered are the right ones.

> **Quantitative data** is data represented numerically, including anything that can be counted, measured, or given a numerical value.
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> **Qualitative data** is data that cannot be represented numerically and is instead based on an observation of described lived experiences and patterns of behaviours.

Quantitative data may be more structured (eg. numbers of people taking up immunisations) whereas qualitative data is unstructured (eg. feedback on a service gathered through a focus group). Both types of data represent a person using the services provided by the council and its partners and are of equal importance.

In order to be meaningful, the use of data and intelligence needs to be timely and measurable. Some data is available in real time. Other data has been gathered, cleansed and included within overarching reports, such as quarterly or annual reports. There will be a lag in the data provided in these types of reports. Both forms of data will be useful to O&S but judgements should be made regarding the timeliness of data that is required to inform O&S work.

4. Why is data important for overview and scrutiny?

The role of O&S is to test and challenge the assumptions and decisions of the council and its health partners, to strengthen the decisions that are made. It provides this test and challenge on behalf of the public and has a wide range of powers to scrutinise anything that affects the local area or its residents. This is a significant responsibility and the work undertaken by O&S should be based on evidence.

O&S work is selected by councillors and supported by officers and partners of the council (eg. NHS) who are experts in their field. Reports to scrutiny are provided by officers and partners who can provide information and narrative on issues selected for scrutiny. By incorporating data and additional insight into their work (eg. evidence sessions with relevant stakeholders, site visits, surveys), O&S councillors can form a broader understanding of an issue and triangulate information to test that what is being provided to them in reports is supported by relevant data. Through this, O&S findings become evidence based and scrutiny can better support the governance of the council and its partners as an effective 'critical friend'.

There is no one person who holds all the data and answers about the performance of services in the local area. A unique power of scrutiny is the ability to bring together a range of partners and information to gain a picture of how well services are meeting the needs of residents, and to help find solutions where improvements are needed. Data is part of the clue package that can be drawn upon to build this picture.

Lessons can be learned from other areas of the country where data has not been used effectively by scrutiny, or councillors have not heeded the stories being told by the data provided. Where scrutiny has not been evidence led, it has been found to be a contributing factor to major service failure that has had a significant impact on the lives of residents.

5. Deep dive and Horizon scanning

Scrutiny work can be broadly divided into two categories of 'deep dive' and 'horizon scanning'. These are defined as:

Deep dive

- Detailed work focussed on policy development and exploring options for the future.
- Often in the form of a working group or a series of committee-based evidence sessions.
- Framed as a series of questions or key lines of enquiry (KLOE) to which O&S seeks answers through detailed enquiry. Answers are found through the gathering of evidence, with a view to informing future policy.
- Specific and potentially more granular-level data may form part of the evidence base in answer to KLOE.
- O&S may also gather insight by talking directly to partners, officers and residents, to build a fuller picture around the data gathered.

Horizon scanning

- Regular monitoring of a range of higher-level data, outside of a committee setting.
- Data selected should assist in giving the committee high-level narratives that tell the story of need or set the context for strategies.
- Using this data the committee can build an understanding of context and trends around performance and resident experience and identify any emerging 'red flags'.
- Red flags may be elevated to committee for a report or a working group deep dive, following background enquiries.
- Horizon scanning data sources should be reviewed collectively on an annual basis to inform onward work planning.

An example of the types of data sources that support deep dive and horizon scanning work is set out in **Figure 1** below.
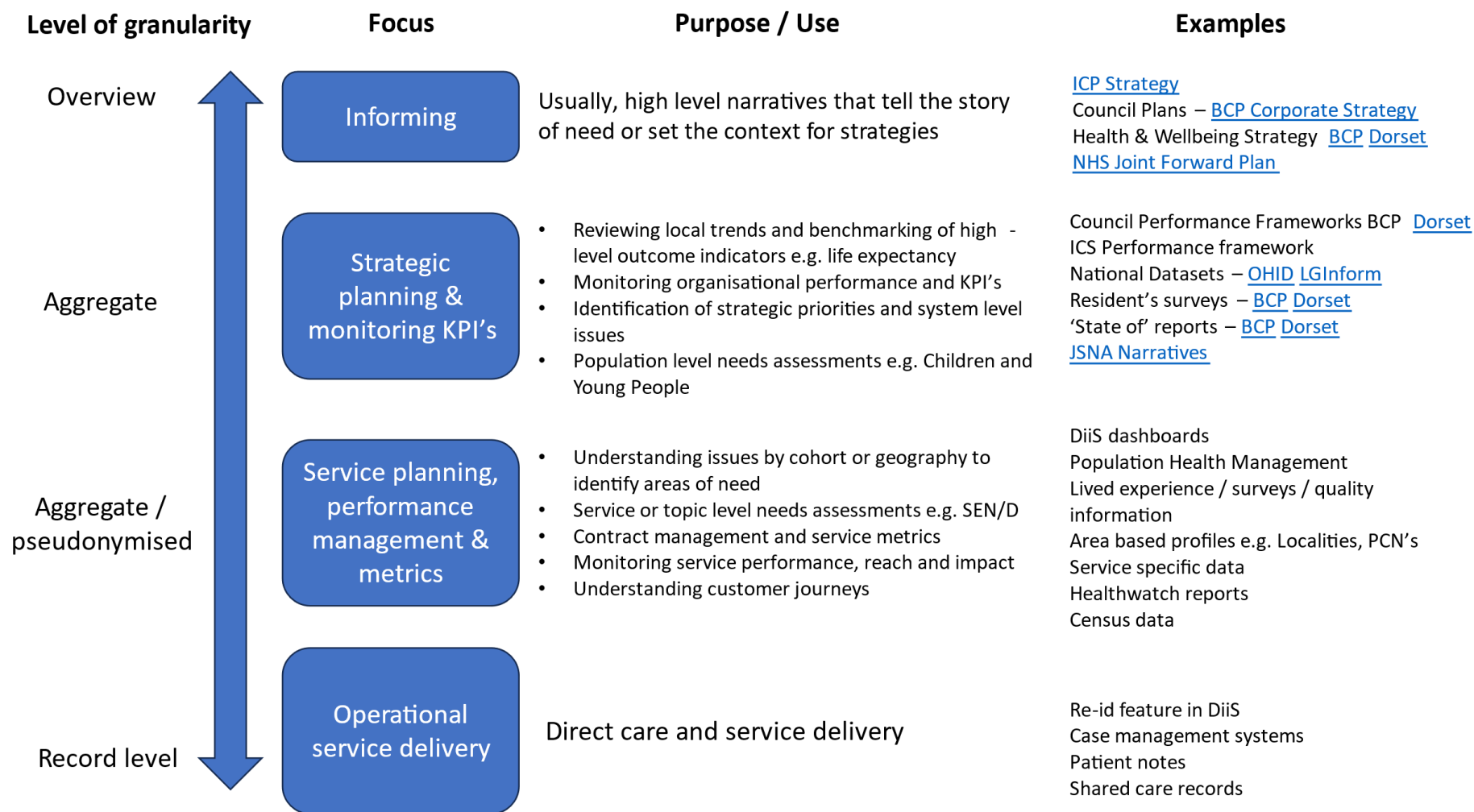
Level of granularity | **Focus** | **Purpose / Use** | **Examples**

Overview

Informing

Usually, high level narratives that tell the story of need or set the context for strategies

ICP Strategy
Council Plans – BCP Corporate Strategy
Health & Wellbeing Strategy BCP Dorset
NHS Joint Forward Plan

Aggregate

Strategic planning & monitoring KPI's

- Reviewing local trends and benchmarking of high - level outcome indicators e.g. life expectancy
- Monitoring organisational performance and KPI's
- Identification of strategic priorities and system level issues
- Population level needs assessments e.g. Children and Young People

Council Performance Frameworks BCP Dorset
ICS Performance framework
National Datasets – OHID LGInform
Resident's surveys – BCP Dorset
'State of' reports – BCP Dorset
JSNA Narratives

Aggregate / pseudonymised

Service planning, performance management & metrics

- Understanding issues by cohort or geography to identify areas of need
- Service or topic level needs assessments e.g. SEN/D
- Contract management and service metrics
- Monitoring service performance, reach and impact
- Understanding customer journeys

DiiS dashboards
Population Health Management
Lived experience / surveys / quality information
Area based profiles e.g. Localities, PCN's
Service specific data
Healthwatch reports
Census data

Record level

Operational service delivery

Direct care and service delivery

Re-id feature in DiiS
Case management systems
Patient notes
Shared care records

Figure 1 – Examples of data sources to support deep dive and horizon scanning (provided by Public Health colleagues)

6. Accessing data – a methodology for O&S councillors

Rights to information

Councillors, and scrutiny councillors in particular, have elevated rights of access to information held by the council and its partners. O&S committees have statutory powers to request information but with this right is a responsibility to clearly set out what these requests are, and to do so in a reasonable timeframe for requests to be provided. This will help to ensure that requests by O&S can be met effectively, and that relationships with officers and partners are built on mutual trust with a shared common aim of improving services and outcomes through scrutiny.

Using the following guidelines for data and information requests will assist with this. These should be followed in conjunction with the requirements of procedure rules within the BCP Council Constitution.

Key Lines of Enquiry

O&S outcomes are often most effective when work is targeted, rather than taking a broad 'oversight' approach. A good practice to achieving targeted scrutiny is the establishment of a set of key lines of enquiry (KLOE). This applies to one-off committee reports as well as more in-depth, deep dive reviews. By seeking answers to these KLOE, findings and recommendations will be evidence based and are more likely to be SMART, with a tangible benefit to residents.

Committees are encouraged to outline a set of KLOE for all items on their work programme, at least one meeting cycle (2/3 months) in advance, and ideally on an annual basis when the following year's work programme is set. This will allow opportunity for respondents to gather and provide the requested information and to meet the council's consultation and sign off requirements for public reports. KLOE should include any specific data requests to support the subject matter under scrutiny. Committees can collaborate on KLOE informally and formalise these requests at committee.

A link to a standard proforma for Key Lines of Enquiry can be found here.

Standard data inclusions for HASC Committee reports

As part of its enquiries, the Data Working Group agreed a standard set of data inclusions that, where available, should accompany all reports to committee to enhance the evidence base provided to scrutiny. These are:

> ✓ Historical trends
> ✓ Regional and national comparisons
> ✓ Demographic comparisons
> ✓ Costings and budget
> ✓ An outline of any limitations in the data that should be taken into account by the committee

Officers will be able to provide tailored advice and support in analysing the data as appropriate for individual reports.

Additional requests for data and information

Reports to committee are published five clear working days in advance of committee meetings. After reading reports, committee members may have additional questions, over and above KLOE and standard data inclusions, that require technical detail to respond. Wherever possible, councillors should provide these questions in advance of the committee meeting to report authors, to give opportunity for supply of information into committee.

Where additional details, or further analysis of data is requested, it may be necessary to provide that information post-meeting or at the next committee. Committees are therefore encouraged to invest time in scoping scrutiny items to ensure that data requests can be identified at an early stage.

Horizon scanning and work planning

There are a variety of data sources that will support the horizon scanning role of the HASC Committee. These are identified in the table below, with many identified as 'self-serve' resources that councillors can easily access and research independently.

O&S is one of many bodies that maintain a close oversight of data. Some of the resources provided are in the form of strategies produced by other bodies (such as the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) where data has already been assessed to give a picture of the needs and service

aspirations for the area. Sources from the policy and strategy landscape will provide a shortcut to the committee in terms of understanding where their work programme may be most valuably directed.

Of the resources considered, a set of primary sources have been identified by the Data Working Group as most useful for the committee in its work. Primary sources have been identified within Table 1 and are also set out below.

Primary sources for O&S horizon scanning

- ✓ State of BCP Report
- ✓ BCP Adult Social Care Annual Complaints Report
- ✓ Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- ✓ Integrated Care Partnership Strategy
- ✓ Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2020-23
- ✓ Health & Wellbeing Strategy refresh activity 2024
- ✓ Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) Public Health Outcomes Framework
- ✓ Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) Local Authority Health Profiles

Primary sources for deep dive O&S work

- ✓ LG Inform, including LG Inform Adult Social Care reports
- ✓ Dorset Intelligence and Insight Service (Diis)

These sources were identified in March 2024, and will be kept under review and updated as appropriate.

O&S committees and councillors have limited resources to undertake their work. Independent, regular review of horizon scanning resources by councillors will ensure that committee time is reserved for value added scrutiny. To share the load, the committee may wish to agree rapporteurs who will take responsibility for monitoring and researching specific agreed areas and reporting back to the wider committee. This may be achieved by undertaking a skills and interests audit of committee members to match areas of interests with appropriate members.

O&S work planning will be strengthened by a collective annual review of horizon scanning resources. With support from senior officers to provide further background information on services and any areas of strategic change, this will provide an evidence base for work programme

decisions for the year ahead. Planning an annual programme of scrutiny work will provide sufficient notice for report authors to meet the data requests identified for each scrutiny item.

7. How to be an intelligent user of data tools

The Working Group asked data analysts to provide guidance on how to approach data intelligently. They noted that where data is used to make judgements, it is essential that this is approached with some caution. Wherever possible, data should be triangulated across a range of sources, and red flags in data should always be followed up with further enquiries to understand a fuller picture - one that may not be evident from the data alone. For example, data changes may be a result of service change or a difference in the way that data is collected.

The following 'top tips' may be useful for councillors when approaching data independently:

- Always treat high level data with some caution – consider who has produced the data or look for official statistics-type markings.
- Look at historical information and trends as well as the current data point.
- Consider the size of the data set – changes in smaller data sets will appear more significant than in larger data sets.
- Look at the description of how data has been calculated. Differences in collection and calculation of data in different councils will affect how the data compares.
- Data doesn't explain the context. Ask questions around service change or how data has been calculated to understand further what the data may mean.
- Be aware of the timeliness of data. Consider when real time data is required compared to quarterly/ annual reports, which will reflect a data lag.
- Data quality can vary and the output is only as good as the input. Care may need to be taken if the data beneath is of poor quality. Ask questions around data cleansing to understand the quality of the data provided.
- Seek assistance from council intelligence teams where a more analytical approach is required.

The council and its partners (Public Health, NHS, Diis Team) have experts who regularly work with the data sources outlined in Table 1. Accessing the support of data analysts for deep dive scrutiny work will assist councillors and strengthen scrutiny outcomes. Support required can be identified at the scoping stage of a piece of scrutiny work.

Table 1 – Data Sources for use by the Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee

Source number and accessibility Self-Serve Supported Access	Data Source (Primary sources identified)	Description	Local/ National Tool?	Deep dive/ Horizon scanning?	Notes
Local Strategies/ Reports (general)					
1	BCP Corporate Strategy 2023-27 (high level summary)	The Council's vision for 2023-27, setting out key priorities and ambitions for the BCP area.	Local	Horizon scanning	Overarching Council Strategy and performance information, which includes people, health and care aims. These three sources accessed together will give a full picture of council aims and performance on working towards these. Corporate performance information will be updated following completion of the Corporate Strategy refresh.
2	BCP Corporate Strategy delivery plans (link to be added when published to Cabinet May 2024)	Detailed delivery plans setting out how the aims of the Corporate Strategy will be met.	Local	Horizon scanning	
3	Corporate Performance info	Information published quarterly about how BCP Council is working towards achieving the objectives in the Corporate Strategy. Includes updates on actions and key performance indicators	Local	Horizon scanning	
4	BCP Budget and Annual Accounts	Overarching BCP Council finance information	Local	Horizon scanning	See also Medium-Term Financial Plan reports, published throughout the year to Cabinet. These give a picture of likely

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					pressures, savings and changes in the finances of the council that may impact on service delivery.
5	BCP Council Residents' Survey 2021	Survey of residents in BCP area asking questions about what it's like living in the local area. The results of this survey provide baseline information which is used to measure satisfaction and perceptions over time.	Local survey of residents – not limited to a health focus	Horizon scanning	Due for a refresh – new survey conducted in Autumn 2023 Includes satisfaction in services & support for older people/ young people; carer satisfaction with BCP services; levels of social contact and isolation across a range of indicators
6	*Primary Source* State of BCP Report, 2023	'Key facts' document providing information on the BCP area and resident characteristics. Updated annually.	Local 'key facts' document	Horizon scanning	Includes a range of information on wellbeing indicators (eg. obesity, mental health, injury) as well as linked indicators such as deprivation, housing and economic factors.
Local Strategies/ Reports (health/ adult social care focus)					
7	*Primary Source* BCP Adult Social Care Annual Complaints Report (2022/23)	Statutory annual report, provides an overview of complaints received relating to adult social care services, including those that have been considered by the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman.	Local - adult social care focus	Horizon scanning	Annual review of the report by the committee will assist in work programming by helping to identify any areas of concern that would benefit from scrutiny. See the cover report for the latest report to the O&S committee for summary and further context

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8	Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report (Dorset and BCP area) 2022/23	Statutory annual report informing readers about how the Safeguarding Adults Board has carried out its responsibilities to prevent abuse, harm and neglect of adults with care and support needs during the reporting period.	Local – adult social care focus	Horizon scanning	It is a statutory requirement for the Safeguarding Adults Board to publish an Annual Report each year and to present that report to the Council's Health & Wellbeing Board. Many Councils also request that the report is presented to Scrutiny as the report enables a discussion on the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board.
9	*Primary Source* Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (BCP Summary Narrative, November 2023) See HWB cover report for more context	Report provided by Public Health for the local Health and Wellbeing Board. Provides an assessment of current and future health and wellbeing issues for the local population. It provides an evidence base, pulling from both qualitative and quantitative data, of health and wellbeing needs to support planning and commissioning and preparation of bids and business cases.	Local – health focus	Horizon scanning. Recommended primary source for consideration in annual work programming activity.	Report production is based on an assessment of raw data sources also listed in this document, along with liaison with local stakeholders on issues for the area. This is used to present an assessment of current needs of the BCP area. The JSNA therefore provides a shortcut to committee in terms of horizon scanning vs. accessing the data independently. JSNA is refreshed annually. Thematic needs assessments, underpinning the summary assessment, are also available via this link (end of life care/ physical activity/ special educational needs and disability/ ADHD and autism). These sources would support any deep dive work selected for these particular issues.

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10	**Primary Source** Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Strategy	Strategy which sets out how the NHS, councils, and other partners within the integrated care partnership (ICP) will work together to make the best possible improvements in the health and wellbeing of local people.	Local – health focus	Horizon scanning	
11	**Primary Source** Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2020-23	Strategy produced by Health & Wellbeing Board, setting out the aims of the Board based on an assessment of local need.	Local – health focus	Horizon scanning	Each Health and Wellbeing Board should produce a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This should consider issues arising from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and priorities in other plans and strategies (e.g. BCP Council corporate strategy, Integrated Care Strategy). This is the current strategy, now in the process of being refreshed (see below)
12	**Primary Source** Health & Wellbeing Strategy refresh activity 2024 From Strategy to Action report Health & Wellbeing Board Development	Reports providing an overview of work undertaken to date by the Health & Wellbeing Board on the refresh of its strategy	Local – health focus	Horizon scanning	An understanding of the work of the Health & Wellbeing Board, its priorities and proposed activity, will assist the scrutiny committee in its horizon scanning role and understanding where to direct its resources over the forthcoming year.

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	Session, December 2023				
13	***Primary Source*** NHS Dorset Joint Forward Plan	NHS 5 year forward plan, based on 5 key outcomes.	Local – health focus	Horizon scanning	Officers are seeking operational plan/s from NHS colleagues for inclusion here. Operational plans are expected to provide more information on proposed major changes and help O&S in its horizon scanning role to understand which changes they may wish to engage with.
14	Annual Director of Public Health Report 2022/23	An annual overview of the work of public health	Local – health focus	Horizon scanning	Provides an overview of the programme of work. Scrutiny may wish to consider areas of alignment when planning its annual work programme.
15	Dorset Health Protection Report 2022 (Public Health)	An overview of the health protection function within the public health team; needs of, and plans to support, the health of the area's residents.	Local – health focus	Horizon scanning	Covers health matters such as infectious diseases, immunisations and environmental hazards. Scrutiny may wish to consider areas of alignment when planning its annual work programme.
16	Development of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams/ Working	Report of Chief Commissioning Officer, NHS, on plans for changes to the local approach to service commissioning	Local – health focus	Horizon scanning	This document outlines plans for fundamental shift in the model of care delivered in the community in Dorset, which is expected to be an area of significant work. Scrutiny may wish to consider alignment to the plans within this document through their annual work programme (2024).

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17	Our Dorset – A movement for movement	Local physical activity strategy for BCP and Dorset	Local - health focus	Horizon scanning	May support horizon scanning by providing potential areas of scrutiny focus from a prevention/ health promotion angle.
Local Data Portals					
18	Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman	Searchable database of the decisions made on complaints relating to BCP Council Services.	Local – all categories of council services, including adult social care	Horizon scanning	Maintaining a review of the database will provide an opportunity for the committee to monitor any trends in the levels and types of complaints relating to adult social care. This will assist in work programming by helping to identify any areas of concern that would benefit from scrutiny.
19 Available to relevant senior officers	BCP Internal Officer Data (quantitative data)	A core data set relating to Adult Social Care provides senior managers with visibility of activity, performance and risk. Provided through an interactive PowerBi Dashboard. Monitored and reported by exception into the Executive Board.	Local – adult social care focus	Deep dive	Relevant data will be incorporated into reports to O&S committee according to the subject matter (eg. workforce recruitment and retention data). O&S committee may request specific data from officers to support deep dive investigations. This is best established through a clear set of key lines of enquiry, agreed in advance by the committee.
20	BCP Internal Officer Data (qualitative data)	Data gathered and held by senior officers from a range of mechanisms such as:	Local – adult social care focus	Deep dive	Relevant data will be incorporated into reports to O&S committee according to the subject matter.

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Available to relevant senior officers		Feedback from all stakeholders and staff through a number of different Quality Assurance mechanisms Audits and Practice Learning reviews Compliments, Stories of Difference and Our Journeys Bespoke team level surveys Safeguarding and serious incident reviews			O&S committee may request specific data from officers to support deep dive investigations. This is best established through a clear set of key lines of enquiry, agreed in advance by the committee.
21 Available to relevant senior officers	BCP Finance Data (held on Finance and Operations 'F&O' software)	Adult Social Care finance data gathered and held by senior officers	Local – adult social care focus	Both	For horizon scanning - finance related data, when paired with performance data, will provide a fuller picture around the performance of services and the impact of potential savings/ investment proposals. The committee may wish to request a regular update on an agreed set of key finance and performance measures within the adult social care area for horizon scanning purposes and consult annually when work planning. For deep dive – relevant finance data will be incorporated into reports to O&S committee according to the subject matter.

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22	BCP hosted statistics, data and census	Portal to a range of public data hosted by BCP Council.	General local data portal, surveys and key facts	Both	For deep dive - Information contained on the portal may give further background to an issue under review – eg. deprivation and poverty indices in BCP. For horizon scanning – an overview of health inequalities in BCP may be useful for the committee in determining where to direct its work programme.
23	Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework - NHS England Digital	The Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) Shows how providers perform on these groups of measures: • enhancing the quality of life for people with care and support needs • delaying and reducing the need for care and support • ensuring that people have a positive experience of care and support • safeguarding adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protecting users from avoidable harm The ASCOF is used both locally and	Both -Data is provided at council, regional and national level for each outcome. Adult social care focus	Deep dive	Data is gathered through performance data and surveys. ASC officers provide 'SALT' returns (short- and long-term data) to inform this framework. Supports a deep dive review of performance in various aspects of adult social care.

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		nationally to set priorities for care and support, measure progress and strengthen transparency and accountability.			
24	Personal Social Services Survey of Adult Carers in England, 2021-22 - NHS England Digital	Adult Social Care-focussed qualitative data.

This report contains findings from the Survey of Adult Carers in England, 2021-22 (SACE). This national survey takes place every other year and is conducted by Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibilities (CASSRs). The survey seeks the opinions of carers aged 18 or over, caring for a person aged 18 or over, on a number of topics that are considered to be indicative of a balanced life alongside their unpaid caring role. | Local, with regional and national compar-isons

Adult social care focus | Deep dive | Will support deep dive work into the subject of Adult Carers by providing an overview of experiences and satisfaction levels for carers in the area |
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Requires registration to access | *Primary Source for deep dive scrutiny* LG Inform – adult social care reports | Series of ready-made reports on a range of topics to provide an easy way to access a deeper level of information and intelligence about the local area or community. | Local – adult social care focus | Deep dive | Automated reports which pull together data sets to give a picture of the key headlines for the local area, including some benchmarking.

Councillors may welcome this resource for their own background research prior to scrutiny in committee, to provide some wider context to the data provided by officers within reports. |

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					Reliance on the data contained should be accompanied by analyst support.
26 Requires officer/ Diis support as use of Diis is restricted to account holders. Technical support from specialised officers essential to also understand any limitations in the data.	*Primary Source for deep dive scrutiny* Dorset Intelligence & Insight Service (Diis) Examples of Diis dashboards have been sought by officers and will be provided here	Diis links data from health and social care across Dorset. Highly granular anonymised data about those using services in the Dorset area. Valuable local tool as data is supplied by a wide range of clinicians and analysts including BCP adult social care.	Local – wide range of health-related inform-ation including adult social care	Deep dive - reviewing selected data in response to key lines of enquiry	Data can be sliced in different ways according to specific enquiries. Potential to get lost in the vast range of data available – therefore best suited as a response to clear and specific query from committee eg. % of frail population living in care homes in BCP. Value of the data is only as good as the initial data that has been provided into the system. Note of caution in approaching the data, and a reason to be guided by an analyst in use of this data. Currently not possible to benchmark BCP against other local authority areas through Diis.
National Data Portals					
27	Fingertips Public Health Data from Office for Health Improvement	National profiles on a wide range of public health data eg. dental services, inequality tools, physical activity	National – health focus	Deep dive - reviewing selected data in	Provides a wider overview to operational performance in the BCP area. – eg. by providing national context, benchmarking against other LA areas, monitoring trends

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Publicly available, best accessed via officers/ public health officers supporting the committee to help navigate the breadth of information available.	and Disparities (OHID) *Primary Source* Within the profiles available, Public health outcomes framework and local authority health profiles recommended by Public Health officers as particularly useful datasets for scrutiny.	Provides a wider overview to operational performance in the BCP area. – eg by providing national context, benchmarking against other LA areas, monitoring trends over time for key performance indicators (KPIs)		response to key lines of enquiry Also supports horizon scanning with ability to review BCP performance against other areas across a range of indicators. Red flags may give clues about areas that could benefit from deeper scrutiny investigation.	over time for key performance indicators (KPIs). Some data may breakdown to lower levels, by ward or geographical hospital trust areas. Complements the granular local data available through Diis to provide an evidence base for deep dive scrutiny.
28 Publicly available, best accessed via officers/ public health officers supporting the committee to help navigate the breadth of	*Primary Source for deep dive scrutiny* LG Inform	National profiles on a wide range of specific KPIs eg. proportion of 5-year-old children free from dental decay, suicide rates, levels of activity in adults.	National – health focus	Deep dive - reviewing selected data in response to key lines of enquiry Also supports horizon scanning with ability to review BCP	Provides a wider overview to operational performance in the BCP area – eg. by providing national context, benchmarking against other LA areas, monitoring trends over time for key performance indicators (KPIs). Some data may breakdown to lower levels, by ward or geographical hospital trust areas.

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information available.				performance against other areas across a range of indicators. Red flags may give clues about areas that could benefit from deeper scrutiny investigation.	Complements the granular local data available through Diis to provide an evidence base for deep dive scrutiny.
Data Analysis & Strategy (local and national)					
29	Centre for Governance & Scrutiny Health Scrutiny – A Short Guide	This is a comprehensive introductory guide that aims to provide an overview of the main facets of Health and Adult Services Scrutiny, giving a summary of some of the key tools and skills needed to improve and enhance health scrutiny in local authorities.	National – health and adult social care focus	Horizon scanning	Overarching guide to approaching health and ASC scrutiny and potential areas of focus for scrutiny work.
30	Healthwatch Dorset Reports	Independent organisation, provides lived experience data and analysis for health services in the local area.	Local – health focus	Both	Useful 'pitstop' when considering pursuing an area of deep dive scrutiny to read any published analysis of similar issues. Eg. dental care access in Dorset. Review of Healthwatch reports for horizon scanning may give an indication of issues in the local area and potential areas of focus for scrutiny work.

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					NB Healthwatch representative is invited to attend and contribute to each O&S committee meeting.
31	NHS England Integrated Care Systems	An overview of the integrated care system model	National – health focus	Horizon scanning	Provides committee with a background to the Integrated Care System model
32	The King's Fund - insight and analysis	Produces a range of reports/ blogs/ overviews generating ideas and sharing evidence on particular topics. Reports provide rigorous and independent challenge. Not aligned with any political, professional or any other interests.	National – health focus	Deep dive	Useful 'pitstop' when considering pursuing an area of deep dive scrutiny to read any published analysis of similar issues. Eg. 'Tackling Health inequalities on NHS waiting lists'. Councillors may find welcome this resource for their own background research prior to scrutiny in committee, for background/ national context.
33	The Health Foundation	Independent organisation, produces data analysis including an evidence hub which explores the link between health inequalities and other factors such as housing, neighbourhoods and transport.	National – health focus	Both	Useful 'pitstop' when considering pursuing an area of deep dive scrutiny to read any published analysis of similar issues. Eg. ambulance waiting times. May also support horizon scanning by providing a national view on potential areas of focus for scrutiny work programme – eg. report on health trends and variations in England. Councillors may find welcome this resource for their own background

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					research prior to scrutiny in committee, for background/ national context.
34	Gov.uk Chief Medical Officer Annual Reports	A collection of independent reports presented to the government by the Chief Medical Officer	National – health focus	Both	Useful 'pitstop' when considering pursuing an area of deep dive scrutiny to read any published analysis of similar issues. Eg. air pollution. May also support horizon scanning by providing a national view on potential areas of focus for scrutiny work programme – eg. report on health trends and variations in England. Councillors may find welcome this resource for their own background research prior to scrutiny in committee, for background/ national context.
35	Chief Medical Officer Report - Health in Coastal Communities	An analysis of the health and wellbeing of England's coastal communities	National	Horizon scanning	May support horizon scanning by providing potential areas of scrutiny focus from a prevention/ health promotion angle.
36	Department of Health & Social Care Major Conditions Strategy	Government strategy for improving outcomes relating to major health conditions over the next five years. Covering cancer, heart disease, musculoskeletal disorders, mental ill-health, dementia and respiratory diseases.	National	Horizon scanning	May support horizon scanning by providing potential areas of scrutiny focus from a prevention/ health promotion angle.

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37	LGA - Towards a Smoke Free Generation	A collection of case studies describing the efforts of local councils working towards a smoke-free future for their communities	National	Deep dive	Useful 'pitstop' when considering pursuing an area of deep dive scrutiny around smoking prevention and cessation.
38	Our Dorset – A movement for movement	Local, physical activity strategy for BCP and Dorset	Local	Horizon scanning	May support horizon scanning by providing potential areas of scrutiny focus from a prevention/ health promotion angle.