

The Health Select Commission Terms of Reference - Revised 2025

All Scrutiny Commissions Functions

1. To carry out the annual overview and scrutiny work programme as agreed for each select commission with OSMB.
2. To submit reports to OSMB with recommendations on matters that affect the borough or the inhabitants of the borough.
3. Within their terms of reference, each Select Commission may:
 - a. scrutinise and review the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
 - b. question Cabinet Members and Chief Officers about their decisions and performance, in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
 - c. make recommendations to the Cabinet and appropriate Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
 - d. review and scrutinise the performance of other partners and public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Committee and local people about their activities;
 - e. conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
 - f. question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent); and in liaison with OSMB, appoint non-voting co-optees to the Select Commissions and/or Task and Finish Groups.

Health Select Commission Specific Functions

1. To discharge the local authority's powers of review and scrutiny on such health related matters as designated within the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Statutory Instrument No. 218/2013 - The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 and associated Department of Health Guidance.
2. The Health Select Commission is tasked with carrying out in-depth overview and scrutiny as directed by the OSMB, including scrutinising:
 - a. Adult Social Services including adult safeguarding, services for older people, a range of services to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities, support

for people with mental health issues and dementia, and services to support people with physical disabilities

- b. Arrangements from childhood to adulthood for people with complex needs (with Improving Lives)
 - c. Partnerships and commissioning arrangements in relation to health and well-being and their governance arrangements and the integration of health and social care services, including prevention/early intervention activity
 - d. Measures for achieving health improvements and the promotion of wellbeing for Rotherham's adults and children;
 - e. Measures designed to address health inequalities; Revised May 2026
 - f. Scrutinising public health arrangements;
 - g. Issues referred to the select commission by the Healthwatch Rotherham (or any successor body).
3. The Health Select Commission is appointed to be part of the South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee under Regulation 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218. The joint committee is authorised to discharge the following health overview and scrutiny functions of the authority (in accordance with regulations issued under Section 244 National Health Service Act 2006) in relation to health service reconfigurations or any health service related issues covering this geographical footprint.