



Hot topics in health and social care - What should be on the scrutiny agenda?

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Objectives

1. A participatory session to explore hot topics in health and social care
2. Small group discussions to share and compare experiences and approaches in different areas
3. An opportunity to reflect on the insights from the conference presentations
4. Plenary discussion to explore ways to strengthen scrutiny for greater impact

Group learning agreement

- All starting from different points
- Valuing different perspectives
- Confidentiality
- Sensitivity
- Small group activities
- Plenary question and answer sessions
- Talking wall

Ranking activity for hot topics

- 12 ranking cards with possible hot topics for scrutiny (some blank for your own suggestions)
- Discuss in your small group and rank the cards into three sets:
 - *Hot topics (for asking questions and leading reviews)*
 - *Some potential to become a hot topic in the next 12 months*
 - *Lower priorities*
- There are no right or wrong answers – share your perspectives

Hot topic ranking cards

- Integration and Integrated Care Systems (ICS)
- Local Place-Based Systems, Population Health and Commissioning
- Sustainable Funding for Social Care
- Prevention and Public Health
- Workforce - Recruitment and Retention of Staff
- Mental health
- Primary Care and Primary Care Networks (PCNs)
- Digital and Technological Solutions and Services
- Implementing the NHS Long-term Plan
- Safeguarding - Adults and Children
- Improving the quality of local services
- Blank – your suggestion

Plenary discussion

- What are the hottest topics for you? Are these the same for all authorities?
- What are the barriers and challenges to asking effective questions and seeking assurance?
- How have the presentations from the mornings session helped you to reflect on what is important for local scrutiny?
- How can scrutiny develop effective reviews that have impact?

Summary and conclusions

What are the key messages from scrutiny for the wider health and social care system from this workshop?