

# Minutes of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

**Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at 5.00 pm  
at Council Chamber, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

**Present:** Councillor E M Giles (Chair)  
Councillors Akpoteni, Allcock, Choudhry, E A Giles, Fisher,  
Randhawa, Smith and Taylor

**Also present:** Councillor Hartwell (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care  
and Health).

## **8/23 Apologies for Absence**

An apology was received from Councillor S S Gill.

## **9/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **10/23 Urgent Additional Items of Business**

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

## **11/23 Update on Scrutiny Review on Loneliness and Isolation**

The Board noted progress on its review on loneliness and isolation, which was being carried out by a working group of the Board, comprising of councillors E M Giles, E A Giles, S S Gill, Randhawa and Smith.



The review sought to establish the extent of loneliness and isolation in Sandwell and what services existed in Sandwell that sought to tackle it.

The Board noted the evidence that the working group had gathered to date, which included the initial findings of the 2022 Sandwell Residents' Survey, which had for the first time included questions relating to loneliness and isolation. The Public Health Intelligence Team was carrying out further in-depth analysis of the data, which would be presented to the working group in the near future to support the review. In light of this, and the further evidence that the working group wished to gather from a range of sources, the review would not conclude this municipal year and would continue into 2023/24.

Meeting ended at 5.35 pm

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