

# Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee

Wednesday 5 June 2019

10.00 am Taunton Library Meeting Room,  
Paul Street, Taunton, TA1 3XZ



To: The Members of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee

Cllr H Prior-Sankey (Chair), Cllr M Healey (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Clayton, Cllr M Caswell, Cllr A Govier, Cllr B Revans, Cllr A Bown and Cllr G Verdon

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## AGENDA

Item Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee - 10.00 am Wednesday 5 June 2019

1 **Public Question Time** (Pages 3 - 4)

The Chairman will allow members of the public to ask a question or make a statement about any matter on the agenda for this meeting. **These questions may be taken during the meeting, when the relevant agenda item is considered, at the Chairman's discretion.**

**Public Questions**

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**Item 8 Adult Social Care Performance Report:**

**Nigel Behan, Unite Branch Secretary**

**Q1** The BBC have reported: English 'short-changed on care funding'  
(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-8438132> )

“Public spending on care for the elderly and disabled is much higher in Scotland and Wales than England, figures show.

In England, £310 per person is spent each year on services such as care homes and home help for daily tasks such as washing and dressing.

But in Scotland, £445 is spent - 43% more than in England - and in Wales it is £414 - 33% more.

The analysis has been produced by the Health Foundation using official spending and population data.”

What is Somerset’s (like for like comparison) spend per head per year relative to the English average?

**Q2** SCC’ has been lobbying government (and via the Local Government Association) for more funding for Social Care. Did you undertake comparisons with the Scotland and Wales figures (and noting the systems are different)?

**Q3** Has SCC proposed removing/significantly raising the threshold reported here: “In England, anyone with assets of over £23,250 has to pay the full cost of their care.”?

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