

What has Scrutiny done for you?

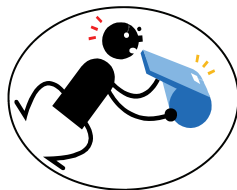
I&S Committees regularly consults local people and act on their comments, concerns and queries about the services Derbyshire County Council and other public sector agencies provide. For example, I&S have:



Acted on concerns about changes to NHS services in Derbyshire.



Supported the Council's Safeguarding Services, which were rated 'Good' by Ofsted.



Introduced new initiatives following consultation with Council employees about their experiences of domestic violence

What's your view?

The Chairs of the I&S Committees are always keen to hear from anyone who has an interest in Improvement and Scrutiny - or who would like to suggest areas for a scrutiny review. Please use the contact details below:

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For further information read our Improvement and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14 on the [Derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.Derbyshire.gov.uk) website.

Improvement and Scrutiny in Derbyshire



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What is it?

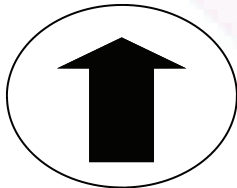
Improvement and Scrutiny (I&S) is about providing better services for local people.

I&S Committees investigate the way local services are delivered and make recommendations to the relevant decision makers about potential improvements. A wide range of information including interviews with staff, resident feedback, site visits and performance data are used.

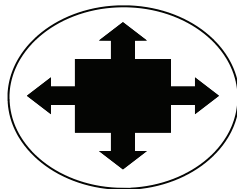
I&S can look at any issue it feels appropriate to review, including:



The Council's budgets. The Council must consult with I&S on its long term financial plan.



The performance of the Council and how it is progressing against the Council Plan.



Existing policies and services. I&S also support the Council developing new ones.

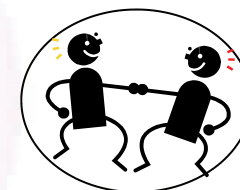
How does Improvement and Scrutiny work?

The approach used in Derbyshire is based on the Parliamentary Select Committee Model. The Councillors involved in the process are from three different political parties and all are independent of Cabinet, the Councils main decision making body.

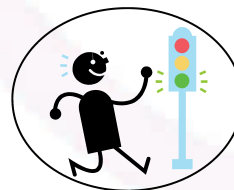
The Council has four I&S Committees, each made up of eight Councillors.



Health I&S Committee. Ensures that Health Services consult you fully on any proposed changes, for example a temporary hospital ward closure.



People I&S Committee. Looks at improving Adult Social Care and Children Services delivered to you, for example ensuring your children are safe.



Places I&S Committee. Looks at improving the infrastructure that surrounds you, for example the roads you use.



Resources I&S Committee. Looks at improving how your Council is run, for example how we use your Council Tax.

Each one of the above is overseen by the Scrutiny Management Committee, whose role is to ensure that a broad range of reviews are undertaken.

The I&S Committees make recommendations to Cabinet for their consideration. The recommendations agreed by Cabinet are then implemented by the relevant departments, and progress is monitored.