



People and Health Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 5 October 2026
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Meeting Room 1, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

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6.	URGENT ITEMS	
	To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4)b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.	
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	To receive a report on behalf of the Director of Adult Social Services.	

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Continuing Health Care and Joint Funding performance in Dorset - deep dive scoping For Review and Consultation

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Cllr S Robinson, Adult Social Care & Health

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All

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Statutory Authority: Dorset Council Adult Social Care

Report status: Public Choose an item.

1. Executive summary (maximum of 500 words)

1.1 This report is submitted in response to a recommendation agreed at People and Health Scrutiny on 16/4/26 following submission of a report from Dorset Council Adult Social Care on the 3 year trends in Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and Joint Funding (adults) performance in Dorset.

1.2 The recommendation from People and Health Scrutiny on 16/4/26 was for Dorset Council and the ICB to jointly scope a deep dive into all age Continuing Healthcare and Children's Continuing Care and related joint funding performance over the last 3

years to understand the trends relevant to Dorset Council residents (adults and children) falling within the responsibility of NHS Dorset ICB.

1.3 For context, All Age Continuing Care encompasses 2 different legislative frameworks for over 18's and under 18's:

- For over 18's - NHS Continuing Health Care (CHC) is a package of care for adults which is arranged and funded solely by the NHS as set out in [National framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care - GOV.UK](#)
- For under 18s - CYPCC is set out in the Children and Young People Continuing Care Framework [Children and young people's continuing care national framework - GOV.UK](#)
- When an individual has some health needs and has gone through the AACC assessment process and:
 - for adults is not considered to be eligible for NHS CHC funding, or
 - for Children is not considered to be eligible for CYPCC fundingthe NHS **may** contribute to the funding of a joint package of care (joint funding)

1.4 In the period since April 2026, there have been significant changes within the ICB. Dorset Council Adult Social Care and Children's Services have worked with Deputy Director of All Age Continuing Care within the new ICB Cluster (NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB, NHS Dorset ICB, NHS Somerset ICB) to agree a suitable scope for the agreed deep dive.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 That the scope of the deep dive, described in the appendix to the report, into the CHC/CYPCC and Joint Funding performance in the Dorset area for the period 2023-2026 presented to People and Health Scrutiny committee on 5/10/26 is reviewed.

2.2 That the timescales for the completion of the deep dive are agreed.

3. Reason for the recommendation(s)

3.1 To fully understand the CHC, CYPCC and Joint Funding performance in the Dorset area over the last 3 years.

4. The report

- 4.1 The proposed scope of the Deep Dive is attached as Appendix 1.

5. Alternative options considered

- 5.1 Not applicable

6. Legal considerations

- 6.1 Under Regulation 26 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 a responsible person must provide a local authority with such information about the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area of that authority as the authority may reasonably require in order to discharge its relevant functions.
- 6.2 In addition, Regulation 27 enables a local authority to require any member (1) or employee (2) of a responsible person to attend before the authority to answer such questions as appear to the authority to be necessary for discharging its relevant functions.
- 6.3 The ICB as a relevant NHS body is a responsible person within the meaning of the Regulations and so the Committee may require attendance and the provision of information reasonably required by the Committee for the purposes of the scrutiny deep dive.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 Not applicable

8. Natural environment, climate & ecology implications

- 8.1 Not applicable

9. Well-being and health implications

- 9.1 Not applicable

10. Other implications

- 10.1 Not applicable

11. Risk implications

- 11.1 HAVING CONSIDERED: the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Not applicable

Residual Risk: Not applicable

12. Equalities

12.1 Not applicable

13. Appendices

13.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed Deep Dive Scope

14. Background papers

14.1 None

15. Report sign-off

15.1 This report has been through the internal report clearance process and has been signed off by the Director for Assurance & Governance (Monitoring Officer), the Director for Resources (Section 151 Officer) and the appropriate Cabinet Member(s)

APPENDIX 1 Dorset Council People and Health Scrutiny Committee 5/10/26

Proposed Scope for Joint Dorset Council & NHSD ICB 3 Year Deep Dive - CHC, CYPCC and Joint Funding Performance

1.0 Background:

Following a presentation by Dorset Council to People and Health Scrutiny on the 16.4.26 on 3 year trends in adults Continuing Health Care (CHC) and Joint Funding from a Dorset Council lens, the People and Health Scrutiny Committee (16.4.26) agreed that a deep dive in to CHC, Children Young People Continuing Care (CYPCC) and Joint Funding trends over the last 3 years be carried out jointly by Dorset Council Adult Social Care and Childrens' Services with NHS Dorset Integrated Care Board (ICB).

It has been agreed that a joint proposal for the scope of the deep dive would be returned to People and Health Scrutiny Committee in October 2026 with the deep dive to take place during November 2026. The report of the outcomes of the deep dive is due to be returned to People and Health Scrutiny Committee on 30th November, 2026.

2.0 Proposal:

- 1) To undertake a joint review of 3 year trends (2023-2026) for CHC, CYPCC and Joint funding using the data available to NHSD ICB, Dorset Council Adult Social Care and Childrens Services
- 2) To involve CHC leads from NHSD ICB, Dorset Council Adult Social Care and Dorset Council Childrens Services in undertaking the deep dive and presenting a summary of findings report back to the Committee.
- 3) To assign and involve a member of People and Health Scrutiny Committee with the deep dive, with the aim of providing additional scrutiny for officers completing the deep dive.
- 4) When presenting deep dive findings back to the committee, to set the context by inviting a person with Lived Experience to describe their experience of CHC assessment and review.

3.0 Timescales:

- 1) Once scoping agreed, the deep dive is to be undertaken in November 2026.
- 2) Whilst the deep dive outcome report is due to be returned to People and Health Scrutiny Committee on 30th November 2026, we would ask that People and Health Scrutiny Committee consider a further month for the completion of the report, with outcome report being concluded by end December 2026.

4.0 Officers leading the deep dive:

- 1) ICB: Lynette Emsley – Deputy Director of Nursing for All Age Continuing Care and Complex Care - NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB, NHS Dorset ICB, NHS Somerset ICB
- 2) Adult Social Care: Sue Evans – Head of Service, Dorset Council Adult Social Care
- 3) Childrens Social Care: Louise Ryan – Head of Service, Dorset Council Children's Services

5.0 Proposed Scope of deep dive:

- 1) The scoping work has been undertaken jointly with NHS Dorset ICB, Dorset Council Adults and Childrens Services.
- 2) The performance areas being considered will be specific to Dorset Council residents as a subset of NHS Dorset ICB's population.
- 3) All performance measures will be reviewed for a 3 year period from beginning April 2023 to end March 2026, covering financial years 23/24, 24/25, 25/26. If any data sets for these periods are not full, reliable data sets this will be highlighted.
- 4) The performance areas will consider differing demographics, as far as this is available within datasets. It should be noted that whilst the details split by a wider range of demographics and characteristics would be preferable, this is not possible due to the limitations/unreliability of existing data sets.

5) The jointly agreed scope proposed is as follows:

Performance Measures relating to Children (CYPCC and Joint Funding)	Details - split by
CYPCC applications accepted / not progressed per quarter	age groups, gender, care group
CYPCC eligibility - numbers becoming eligible Q1-Q4	age groups, gender, care group
CYPCC eligibility - costs of those eligible Q1-Q4	age groups, gender, care group
CYPCC review outcomes - numbers undertaken by period Q1-Q4 with outcomes	age groups, gender, care group
CYPCC review outcomes resulting in changes of previous CYPCC provision/size of package per quarter	age groups, gender, care group
% assessment where LA and ICB in agreement with recommendation put to ICB	age groups, gender, care group
Av age/median age of assessments for transitions between CYPCC/adults CHC	
Numbers of joint funding (non eligible CYPCC) per year with detail of entrance/exits	age groups, gender, care group
Financial cost of joint funding (non eligible CYPCC) per year	average and median costs of packages
Ombudsmans referrals - CYPCC - numbers/outcomes per year	age groups, gender, care group
Performance Measures relating to Adults (CHC and Joint Funding)	Details - split by
Standard CHC applications made - via checklist - per quarter	age groups, gender, care group
Standard CHC accepted/not proceeding to DST following checklist - per quarter	age groups, gender, care group
Standard CHC eligibility - numbers becoming eligible Q1-Q4	age groups, gender, care group
Standard CHC eligibility - costs of those eligible Q1-Q4	age groups, gender, care group
Standard CHC review outcomes - numbers undertaken by period Q1-Q4 with outcomes per quarter	age groups, gender, care group
Standard review outcomes resulting in changes of previous provision/size of package per quarter	age groups, gender, care group
% assessment where LA and ICB in agreement with recommendation put to ICB	age groups, gender, care group
Fast track funding - numbers and outcomes per quarter	age groups, gender, care group, referring agency, location of person at time of referral
Fast track applications - numbers accepted/rejected per quarter	age groups, gender, care group, referring agency, location of person at time of referral
Fast track reviews resulting in DST assessment - numbers/outcomes per quarter	age groups, gender, care group
Numbers of joint funding (non eligible CHC) per year with detail of entrance/exits	age groups, gender, care group
Financial cost of joint funding (non eligible CHC) per year	average and median costs of packages
Numbers of appeals and IRPs taking place for Dorset residents per year	age groups, gender, care group
Numbers of disputes (CHC and Joint Funding) between NHSD and DC for Dorset residents per year	age groups, gender, care group
Outcomes of disputes (CHC and Joint Funding) per year	age groups, gender, care group
Timescale for dispute resolution per year	age groups, gender, care group
Governance frameworks	Details
Joint policies in place - disputes - adults and children	Jointly agreed and signed off - identified gaps
Joint policies in place - joint funding - adults and children	Jointly agreed and signed off - identified gaps
Joint policies in place - hospital discharge - adults and children	Jointly agreed and signed off - identified gaps

6.0 Recommendations:

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