

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2025

Present: Cllr Steve Robinson (Chair), Patricia Miller (Vice-Chair), Cllr Gill Taylor, Paul Dempsey, Margaret Guy and Rachel Partridge

Present remotely: Cllr Clare Sutton, Paula Bennetts and Jonathan Price

Apologies: Jan Britton and Brad Stevens

Also present remotely: Cllr Alex Brenton, Cllr Chris Kippax, Cllr Kate Wheller and Cecilia Bufton

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

George Dare (Senior Democratic and Governance Officer), Alice Deacon (Corporate Director for Commissioning and Partnerships), Mark Tyson (Corporate Director for Adult Commissioning & Improvement), Sarah Longdon (Head of Service Planning) and Sarah Sewell (Head of Service - Commissioning for Older People and Home First)

Officers present remotely (for all or part of the meeting):

Paul Johnson (Chief Medical Officer, NHS Dorset), Julie Howe (Chief Superintendent, Dorset Police) and Louise Ford (Strategic Health and Adult Social Care Integration Lead)

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Jan Britton and Bradley Stevens.

2. **Election of Chair**

Cllr S Robinson was nominated by Cllr G Taylor, seconded by Paul Dempsey.

There were no other nominations.

Decision:

That Cllr S Robinson be appointed Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the Year 2025/26.

3. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Patricia Miller was proposed by Cllr S Robinson, seconded by Cllr C Sutton.

There were no other nominations.

Decision:

That Patricia Miller be appointed Vice-Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the Year 2025/26.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2025 were confirmed and signed.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interests were made at this point in the meeting.

6. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

7. **Councillor Questions**

There were no questions from councillors.

8. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

9. **Work Programme**

The Board noted its work programme.

10. **FutureCare Programme Update**

The Strategic Health and Adult Social Care Integration Lead introduced the update on the FutureCare Programme. The progress in the 4 workstreams was outlined, including an example of where the programme had been working particularly well in Wimborne. The programme would bring operational benefits to the health system, which included reducing the length of time people spend in hospital, and supporting people to recover better at home.

The Chief Executive of NHS Dorset felt that whilst the programme was about reducing the length of stay in hospitals, it was also more fundamental in improving people's experiences and outcomes because they were staying in hospital too long or not for the right reasons.

A member asked how the Programme used a performance dashboard and a benefits tracker which were used to measure quantitative information. The personas of people who have experienced the pathway have been reviewed; and the Voluntary & Community Sector Assembly reference group would be used to collect information on user voice.

In response to a question about the develop and implementation of new technology, members were advised that tools being developed were within the existing Dorset Intelligence & Insight Service and no additional expenditure on software was needed at this stage.

The Health and Wellbeing Board confirmed its support to progress to the next phase of the programme.

11. Draft Place Based Partnership Prospectus

The Acting Director of Public Health introduced the report, which sought feedback from the Board on the draft place-based partnership prospectus. The progress to develop the draft prospectus, which included a series of workshops with partners, was outlined.

The Board discussed the report and the draft Place-based Partnership Prospectus. The following points were raised:

- The prospectus signalled a direction of travel to self-driven communities.
- The use of the word ‘funding’ in the draft prospectus could be misleading. The wording of this part should be reviewed.
- The name ‘place based’ was quite technical and it would not be clear to the public what this meant. Consideration should be given to what the partnership should be called.
- Strategic priorities of the place-based partnership would help enable budgets to be pooled.
- Consideration needed to be given to outcomes and metrics of the place-based partnership to measure its success and impact.
- An action plan would be needed as a next step to develop the place-based partnership.

Further work was needed to refine and improve the draft place-based partnership prospectus, taking into account the Health & Wellbeing Board’s feedback. The prospectus would return to the Board at a future meeting for approval.

12. Strategic Alliance for Children and Young People - Annual Report 2024/25

The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Education and Skills introduced the report. The report highlighted partnership working and it followed positive outcomes of inspections of children’s services. The Corporate Director for Commissioning and Partnerships outlined the key areas of progress over the year, which included: multi-agency support through family hubs; school readiness and identifying needs earlier; and targeted support for care experienced people.

The Executive Director of People – Children raised that Ofsted highlighted the strength of Children’s Services working in partnership. The Council has also

developed a good model for the Families First for Children Pathfinder which would be beneficial for councils nationally.

The Board noted the Annual Report of the Strategic Alliance for Children and Young People.

13. Better Care Fund: 2024/25 End of Year Reporting Template & 2025/26 Plan

The Head of Service for Older People, Home First and Market Access introduced the report and gave a presentation to the Board, which is attached to these minutes. She outlined differences the Better Care Fund has made to Dorset residents over the past year and then outlined the key features of the Better Care Fund 2025/26 Plan.

At this point, Cllr G Taylor declared she was in receipt of a direct payment and would not take part in the debate.

A member asked whether there was a link between technology enabled care (TEC) and discharge hubs. The Head of Service confirmed staff were made aware of the technology enabled care which was available as it could help enable earlier discharge.

Proposed by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Rachel Partridge.

Decision:

1. That the Better Care Fund (BCF) Reporting Template for 2024/25 End of Year, approved under delegated authority, be endorsed.
2. That the current version of the BCF Plan for 2025/26, approved under delegated authority, be endorsed.
3. That further revision of the 2025/26 Plan may be required, pending resolution of financial dispute between Dorset Council and NHS Dorset, be noted.

14. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 3.47 pm

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