

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026

Present: Cllr Steve Robinson (Chair), Cllr Clare Sutton and Sam Crowe

Present remotely: Cllr Gill Taylor, Paula Bennetts, Margaret Guy and Jonathan Price

Apologies: Cllrs Sarah Howard, Jan Britton, Paul Dempsey and Marc House

Also present remotely: Cllr Sally Holland and Cllr Chris Kippax

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

Rachel Partridge (Deputy Director of Public Health), George Dare (Senior Democratic and Governance Officer), Mark Harris (Deputy Director of Modernisation and Place (BCP), NHS Dorset) and Sam Poole (Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning & Improvement)

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

Julia Ingram (Corporate Director for Adult Social Care Operations), Iain Sim (Interim Corporate Director for Housing), Sarah Perrett (Commissioning Manager) and Karen Stephens (Interim Head of Service - Market Relationships, Major Contracts, and Over 65's)

40. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Howard (Vice-chair), Jan Britton, Paul Dempsey and Marc House.

41. Minutes

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

42. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable interests were made at the meeting.

43. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

44. Councillor Questions

There were no questions from councillors.

45. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

46. Towards a new model of day opportunities

The Corporate Director for Commissioning and Improvement introduced the report on day opportunities. He summarised the key themes which were raised during the public consultation and explained how the consultation and engagement have shaped the new model and proposals. The new model for day opportunities would contribute to the Council plan priorities and make the best use of the council's assets.

Following the introduction, Board members discussed the report and raised the following points:

- There was going to be further engagement with communities and service users about providing services closer to communities.
- Limiters in the past for people to access day opportunities provided by the voluntary sector, was that they were not promoted well enough, so people did not know they were available. A next step for day opportunities was thinking about the wider model and involving the voluntary sector so that these opportunities could be developed further.
- Natural communities for family hubs may not be the same as those natural communities for older people. However, in some places, co-locating these services would work well. Thought needed to be given to the assets which were already available and how these could be meeting the needs of communities.
- The next step would be to revise the commissioning model with Care Dorset and then to progress providing day opportunities closer to communities. There would be continued engagement with service users.

Following the discussion, the Corporate Director for Commissioning and Improvement explained that the proposals would be revised in the final Cabinet report, so that Purbeck Connect would remain open.

The Board agreed the future intentions for day opportunities and the draft Cabinet report.

47. NHS Dorset Strategic Commissioning Plan

The Deputy Director of Modernisation and Place (BCP), NHS Dorset, introduced the item and gave a presentation which was included in the agenda pack. The presentation included the national requirements for the commissioning plan and its

purpose, how the plan has been developed and engagement exercises, and the key priorities in the plan.

The Board discussed the NHS Commissioning Plan. During the discussion the following points were raised:

- Using the place-based partnership would be next step for working together, rather than the NHS Commissioning Plan just being health led. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy and a shift from treatment to prevention can help assist this.
- It was a challenging time for system working due to the incoming Integrated Care Board cluster arrangements. However, place-level strategy should still continue at pace.
- Both NHS and Local Authority partners would need to value and invest in the place-based partnership for it to be successful. It would also be critical for the success of a funding shift from sickness to prevention.
- There was also a need for the NHS and Local Authority to be aligned on preserving and delivering their statutory responsibilities and being aligned on these whilst other work was delivered.

48. **Work Programme**

The Director of Public Health outlined the purpose of bringing a report on Health Literacy to the board's next meeting.

The Board noted its work programme.

49. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 2.56 pm

Chairman

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