

People and Health Scrutiny Committee

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

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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)