

# Notice of Meeting



## Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Thursday, 5 June 2025 at 10.00 am**  
**Room 2&3 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND**

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### Membership

**Chair:** To be elected  
**Deputy Chair:** To be elected

<b>Councillors:</b>	Ron Batstone	Gareth Epps	Paul Austin Sargent
	Imade Edosomwan	Emma Garnett	
	Judith Edwards	Jane Hanna OBE	

<b>District Councillors:</b>	Paul Barrow	Elizabeth Poskitt	Dorothy Walker
	Keats-Rohan	Louise Upton	

<b>Co-Optees:</b>	Sylvia Buckingham	Barbara Shaw
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**Date of Next Meeting:** 11 September 2025

### For more information about this Committee please contact:

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Martin Reeves  
Chief Executive

May 2025

### **What does this Committee review or scrutinise?**

- Any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area of its local authorities.
- Health issues, systems or economics, not just services provided, commissioned or managed by the NHS.

### **How can I have my say?**

We welcome the views of the community on any issues in relation to the responsibilities of this Committee. Members of the public may ask to speak on any item on the agenda or may suggest matters which they would like the Committee to look at. **Requests to speak must be submitted to the Committee Officer no later than 9 am on the working day before the date of the meeting.**

### **About the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

The Joint Committee is made up of 15 members. Twelve of them are Councillors, seven from Oxfordshire County Council, and one from each of the District Councils – Cherwell, West Oxfordshire, Oxford City, Vale of White Horse, and South Oxfordshire. Three people can be co-opted to the Joint Committee to bring a community perspective. It is administered by the County Council. Unlike other local authority Scrutiny Committees, the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee involves looking 'outwards' and across agencies. Its focus is on health, and while its main interest is likely to be the NHS, it may also look at services provided by local councils which have an impact on health.

### **About Health Scrutiny**

Health Scrutiny is about:

- Providing a challenge to the NHS and other organisations that provide health care
- Examining how well the NHS and other relevant organisations are performing
- Influencing the Cabinet on decisions that affect local people
- Representing the community in NHS decision making, including responding to formal consultations on NHS service changes
- Helping the NHS to develop arrangements for providing health care in Oxfordshire
- Promoting joined up working across organisations
- Looking at the bigger picture of health care, including the promotion of good health
- Ensuring that health care is provided to those who need it the most

Health Scrutiny is NOT about:

- Making day to day service decisions
- Investigating individual complaints.

### **What does this Committee do?**

The Committee meets up to 5 times a year or more. It develops a work programme, which lists the issues it plans to investigate. These investigations can include whole committee investigations undertaken during the meeting, or reviews by a panel of members doing research and talking to lots of people outside of the meeting. Once an investigation is completed the Committee provides its advice to the relevant part of the Oxfordshire (or wider) NHS system and/or to the Cabinet, the full Councils or scrutiny committees of the relevant local authorities. Meetings are open to the public and all reports are available to the public unless exempt or confidential, when the items would be considered in closed session.

**If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, giving as much notice as possible before the meeting**

**A hearing loop is available at County Hall.**

# AGENDA

1. **Election of Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year**
2. **Election of Deputy-Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year**
3. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
4. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page**
5. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 18)**

To **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 06 March 2025 and to receive information arising from them.

## 6. **Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**

Members of the public who wish to speak on an item on the agenda at this meeting, or present a petition, can attend the meeting in person or 'virtually' through an online connection.

Requests to present a petition must be submitted no later than 9am ten working days before the meeting, i.e. Friday 23 May 2025.

Requests to speak must be submitted no later than 9am three working days before the meeting, i.e. Monday 02 June 2025.

Requests should be submitted to [scrutiny@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@oxfordshire.gov.uk) AND [omid.nouri@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:omid.nouri@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails, then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9am on the day of the meeting. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

## 7. Response to HOSC Recommendations (Pages 19 - 36)

The Committee has received Acceptances and Responses to recommendations made as part of the following item(s):

1. Oxfordshire Healthy Weight
2. Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board Operating Model.
3. Health and Wellbeing Strategy Outcomes Framework.
4. Support for Patients Leaving Hospital.
5. Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust People Plan.
6. Director of Public Health Annual Report

The Committee is recommended to **NOTE** the responses.

## 8. Annual Report of the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (Pages 37 - 66)

The purpose of this item is to approve the draft of the Annual Report of the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee. This report will be presented to Full Council on 08 July 2025, and summarises the key scrutiny activities and accomplishments of the JHOSC throughout the course of the 2024-2025 civic year.

There are TWO documents attached to this item:

1. A cover report for the JHOSC Annual Report.
2. Annex 1- The full draft and wording of the JHOSC Annual Report.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- 1.1 Note the requirement for the Committee to produce an annual report.
- 1.2 Approve the wording of the annual report.
- 1.3 Delegate authority to the Health Scrutiny Officer:
  - 1.3.1 for the design of the final report,
  - 1.3.2 to make minor updates or amendments as required, in consultation with the Chair,
  - 1.3.3 for publication of the final report

## 9. **Oxford Community Health Hubs Working Group Update** (Pages 67 - 78)

The purpose of this item is for the Committee to receive and **NOTE** the update report from its Oxford Community Health Hubs Working Group. This report provides an update on the ongoing scrutiny of the Oxford Community Health Hubs Project launched by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust.

There are TWO documents attached to this item:

1. The update report of the Oxford Community Health Hubs Working Group.
2. A brief slide deck from Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust which provides a status update of the three Community Health Hubs in Oxford City.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **NOTE** the work of the HOSC Oxford Community Health Hubs working group around scrutinising the Community Health Hubs project for Oxford City since the working group's establishment in April 2024.
2. **CONFIRM** its support for the continuation of the working group's existence and its ongoing scrutiny of the project to establish three Integrated Community Health Hubs in Oxford City.
3. **AGREE** to the appointment of a fourth working group member given that former Cllr Michael O'Connor is no longer a member of Oxfordshire County Council.

## 10. Chair's Update (Pages 79 - 152)

The Chair will provide a verbal update on relevant issues since the last meeting.

The Committee is recommended to **NOTE** the Chair's update having raised any relevant questions.

The Committee needs to provide written feedback to the Quality Accounts for both Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Committee will discuss Oxford Health's Quality Account as a public item during this meeting. In regards to the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account, the Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- a) **AGREE** to hold a private briefing with the Trust to discuss the Quality Account.
- b) **AGREE** to finalise the wording of the feedback subsequent to and outside this meeting, and to submit the feedback to the Trust prior to the publication date for the Quality Account at the end of June 2025.

NHS England have requested that Integrated Care Boards share the following news with local HOSCs in relation to the redesignation of Urgent Care Centres and Minor Injuries Units into Urgent Treatment Centres:

*'Oxfordshire has three Minor Injury Units (MIUs); Abingdon, Witney, and Henley. They presently report monthly in the 4-hour standard for Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. NHS England has requested that all these units are redesignated as Urgent Treatment Centres, otherwise they will not be able to continue to report the 4-hour standard. Before NHS England will complete the final assessment for designation, they have requested that the HOSC committee is aware of the redesignation.'*

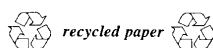
*Any units of this type (Minor Injuries Units and Urgent Care Centres) not to get the designation of an Urgent Treatment Centre, will have to stop reporting their activity in the 4-hour standard.*

*The regional and National NHS England team have requested that the HOSC is made aware of the potential redesignation of the Minor Injuries Units in Oxfordshire to Urgent Treatment Centres, to comply with full transparency.'*

It has also been brought to the Committee's attention that Professor Ben Burton (Royal College of Ophthalmologists) has written a letter to Stephen Kinnock MP (Minister of State for Care) in relation to Eye Care Services. The Committee will imminently receive a briefing from the BOB Integrated Care Board on the current state of Eye Care Services.

There are NINE documents attached to this item:

1. EIGHT reports containing recommendations from the Committee on: the BOB Integrated Care Board Operating Model; the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Outcomes Framework; the Support for People Leaving Hospital; the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust People Plan; Audiology Services; Cancer Services; Musculoskeletal Services; the Director of Public Health Annual Report.



2. The letter written by Professor Ben Burton to Stephen Kinnock MP (Minister of State for Care) in relation to Eye Care Services.

## 11. NHS Reforms Update

Matthew Tait (Chief Delivery Officer- Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board) and Stephen Chandler have been invited to provide an update to the Committee on the recent and ongoing NHS reforms. These reforms include the government's plans to integrate NHS England into the Department of Health and Social Care, and to further reduce Integrated Care Board running costs.

The Committee is invited to; discuss the implications of these developments on Oxfordshire Place; raise any relevant questions; and **AGREE** any recommendations arising it may wish to make.

## 12. System Pressures Update (Pages 153 - 162)

Karen Fuller (Director for Adult Social Care, Oxfordshire County Council) has been invited to present a report on pressures within the Oxfordshire Health and Care System.

PLEASE NOTE: This item will encompass key pressures affecting all of Oxfordshire's health and care system partners in general, as well as some insights into the preparations being made for the pressures of the ensuing Winter season.

The Committee is invited to consider the report, raise any questions and **AGREE** any recommendations arising it may wish to make.

## 13. Healthwatch Oxfordshire Update (Pages 163 - 170)

Veronica Barry (Executive Director, Healthwatch Oxfordshire) has been invited to present the Healthwatch Oxfordshire Update Report.

The Committee is invited to consider the Healthwatch Oxfordshire update and **NOTE** it having raised any questions arising.

## 14. Oxfordshire as a Marmot Place (Pages 171 – 182)

Ansaf Azhar has been invited to present a report on Oxfordshire becoming a Marmot Place.

This is an opportunity for the Committee and the wider public to receive further insight into the work and progress to date on Oxfordshire becoming a Marmot Place.

The Committee is invited to consider the report, raise any questions and **AGREE** any recommendations arising it may wish to make.

## 15. Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account 2024-2025 (Pages 183 - 252)

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust has been invited to present the Trust's Annual Quality Account for the year 2024-2025.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- a) **AGREE** to provide feedback on the Trust's Quality Account.
- b) **AGREE** to finalise the wording of the feedback subsequent to and outside this meeting, and to submit the feedback to the Trust prior to the publication date for the Quality Account at the end of June 2025.

## 16. Forward Work Plan (Pages 253 - 254)

The Committee is recommended to **AGREE** to the proposed work programme for its upcoming meetings.

## 17. Actions and Recommendations Tracker (Pages 255 - 270)

The Committee is recommended to **NOTE** the progress made against agreed actions and recommendations having raised any questions.



## **Councillors declaring interests**

### **General duty**

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed 'Declarations of Interest' or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

### **What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?**

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (i.e. payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

### **Declaring an interest**

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

### **Members' Code of Conduct and public perception**

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member 'must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself' and that 'you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned'.

### **Members Code – Other registrable interests**

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your other registerable interests then you must declare an interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person's quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

Other registrable interests include:

- a) Any unpaid directorships
- b) Any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority.

- c) Any body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

### **Members Code – Non-registrable interests**

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under other registrable interests, then you must declare the interest.

In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied:

Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest.

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.