

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 11 June 2026 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

Councillors: Jane Hanna OBE David Hingley Mark Lygo
Ron Batstone Emma Garnett Paul-Austin Sargent
Jenny Hannaby

District Councillors: Katharine Keats-Rohan Val Shaw David Rodgers
Elizabeth Poskitt Louise Upton

Co-Optees: Sylvia Buckingham Barbara Shaw Dr Alan Cohen

Date of Next Meeting: 10 September 2026

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Martin Reeves
Chief Executive

June 2026

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 2026/27 Council Year**
2. **Election of Deputy-Chair for the 2026/27 Council Year**
3. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
4. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page**
5. **Minutes** (Pages 11 - 30)

To **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2026 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.

Requests to speak must be submitted no later than 9am three working days before the meeting, i.e. 08/06/2026.

Requests should be submitted to the Scrutiny Officer at omid.nouri@oxfordshire.gov.uk AND scrutiny@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. JHOSC Cooptee Appointment (Pages 31 - 34)

The purpose of this item is for the Committee to **AGREE** to the appointment of a Coopted member.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **NOTE** the requirement to fill one vacant co-opted post on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) and the work undertaken to fill this post.
2. **AGREE** to Dr Alan Cohen's appointment as a co-opted member of the JHOSC (subject to full completion and submission of a Register Of Interests form).

8. Interim Update Report from the JHOSC Primary Care Access and Estates Working Group (Pages 35 - 102)

The purpose of this item is to provide the Committee with an interim update on the ongoing work and activities of the JHOSC Primary Care Access and Estates Working Group.

PLEASE NOTE: There are TWO main reports attached to this item:

1. Cover Report.
2. Annex 1- Main Interim Report of the Oxfordshire JHOSC Primary Care Access and Estates Working Group.

Please also note: The Annex 1 Main Interim Report of the working group has its own set of annexes labelled A-E (all of which are also attached in the agenda papers for this item).

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- a) **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) primary care and estates working group interim report found in Annex 1.
- b) **AGREE** to the appointment of an additional working group member (whilst adhering to the principle of political balance) given that Cllr Gareth Epps is no longer a member of the Committee.
- c) **AGREE** to receive a final report with findings and recommendations from the working group in the September 2026 JHOSC meeting, so as to allow for:
 - The final planned working group session to take place with representatives of the Thames Valley Integrated Care Board (ICB) on the use of digital tools and models in primary care services.
 - Conducting site visits to GP practices in both rural and urban areas.
 - Inclusion of further findings from the working group's inquiry on the national backdrop of General Practice, and on the case studies of the Great Western Park and Bicester Health Centre.

9. Response to HOSC Recommendations (Pages 103 - 118)

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

1. Maternity Services in Oxfordshire.
2. Oxfordshire Learning Disability Plan.

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

10. Chair's Update (Pages 119 - 196)

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

Three reports containing Recommendations from the Committee were sent on behalf of the JHOSC as part of the following areas/items:

1. Adult and Older Adult Mental Health Services.
2. All-Age Autism Strategy.
3. Director of Public Health Annual Report.

All these reports are published in the agenda papers for this item.

A letter was sent on behalf of the Committee to the Chief Executive of the Thames Valley ICB. It relates to the Committee being alerted to a critical situation relating to delayed payments to adult social care providers for the provision of Continuing Health Care services (CHC). The wording of this letter is as outlined below:

Dear Nick

The Committee has been alerted to a critical situation relating to delayed payments to adult social care providers for the provision of Continuing Health Care services (CHC)

Given that many providers are operating on tight margins, delayed payments on the scale that we have been alerted to is deeply alarming because of the obvious dependency of many of our most vulnerable residents on these services.

In light of the urgency I have discussed with Omid Nouri (Health Scrutiny Officer). It would be helpful for reassurance purposes if the ICB provided the Committee with a written response on how it is tackling this situation as soon as possible. A written response would be reassuring at this time if it included how much money is owed; what is this as a percentage of overall spend on CHC and, if also affected, Funded Nursing Care; how many clients are supported through this route and how many providers have been and are being affected by delays in payment. The public and residents who depend on provider services would be reassured by a clear timescale for resolving these delayed payments urgently; how many provider accounts are currently up to date and settled, and what actions are being taken to avoid these delays in the future.

It will also be important that the Committee can be reassured at our next JHOSC meeting on 11th June 2026, and we would request that the ICB representative be able to report a brief update at that time.

*Kind regards
Jane Hanna
Chair, Oxfordshire JHOSC*

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

11. Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account (Pages 197 - 444)

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been invited to present the Trust's Annual Quality Account for this year.

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 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: There are TWO documents attached to this item:

1. A Cover Letter submitted to the Committee by Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for this item.
2. The full draft Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust quality account.

12. Dentistry Services in Oxfordshire (Pages 445 - 470)

Julie Dandridge (Strategic Lead for Primary Care across Oxfordshire, Thames Valley Integrated Care Board) has been invited to present a report providing an update on Dentistry Services in Oxfordshire.

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 471 - 480)

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

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

14. South Central Ambulance Service CQC Improvement Journey Update (Pages 481 - 494)

Paul Jefferies (Divisional Director-Thames Valley, South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust) and Andrew Battye (Head of Operations for Oxfordshire, South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust) have been invited to present a report providing an update on the SCAS Care Quality Commission Improvement Journey.

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 (Pages 495 - 572)

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust has been invited to present the Trust's Annual Quality Account for the year 2025-2026.

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 2026.

16. Forward Work Plan (Pages 573 - 574)

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

17. Actions and Recommendations Tracker (Pages 575 - 580)

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.