

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 11 September 2025 at 10.00 am
Room 2&3 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

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Membership

Chair: Councillor Jane Hanna OBE

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Councillors: Ron Batstone Judith Edwards Emma Garnett
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District Councillors: Paul Barrow Elizabeth Poskitt
Katharine Keats-Rohan Louise Upton

Co-Optees: Sylvia Buckingham Barbara Shaw

Date of Next Meeting: 20 November 2025

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Martin Reeves
Chief Executive

September 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. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
2. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page**
3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 16)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 05 June 2025, and to receive information arising from them.

4. **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 speak must be submitted no later than 9am three working days before the meeting, i.e. Friday 05 September 2025

Requests should be submitted to 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.

5. **Response to HOSC Recommendations (Pages 17 - 36)**

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

1. Musculoskeletal Services in Oxfordshire
2. Audiology Services in Oxfordshire
3. Cancer Services in Oxfordshire
4. Oxfordshire as Marmot Place
5. Oxfordshire System Pressures

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

6. Chair's Update (Pages 37 - 76)

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

There are TWO reports in the agenda papers for this item, containing recommendations from the Committee on: Oxfordshire System Pressures, and on Oxfordshire as a Marmot Place.

A letter was sent on behalf of the Committee to the Chief Executive of the BOB Integrated Care Board, requesting further information on a recent Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Health Bid.

There are TWO documents attached to this item:

1. The letter that was sent to the ICB Chief Executive on behalf of the Committee.
2. The application Oxfordshire Place-based Partnership recently submitted in response to the national neighbourhood health implementation programme (NNHIP).

The response received by the Committee is as follows:

“The Oxfordshire application is intended to accelerate the benefits of neighbourhood working in Oxfordshire:

- *Specifically, for some of the most vulnerable and deprived residents:*
- *To build on progress to date relating to care being delivered and coordinated by INTs.*
- *To further explore and mature primary care at scale delivery.*

The application required sign off from a wide variety of statutory organisations including CEOs from both the ICB and OCC. We also including other non-statutory organisations like Healthwatch and OCVA organisations hopefully demonstrating the extent stakeholders involved in developing the application.

For the purposes of the application, resident involvement was limited due to a short turnaround time in holiday season. However, Oxfordshire has held multiple neighbourhood health and care workshops with broad representation (including statutory organisations, Healthwatch, VCFSE orgs, Patient Participation Groups. The full impact on primary care is unknown at this stage, but the Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Health Steering Group is chaired by the Chair of Oxfordshire GP Leadership Group, with further representation from GPLG and PCNs. The broader neighbourhood agenda is intended to further enhance primary and community care.

Planning guidance has recently been published, this will help inform local processes that will of course require input across sectors, organisations and residents. Dr Ben Riley is senior responsible officer for the ICB and we expect neighbourhood working to be driven and delivered large by collaborations at Place. All 3 Places in BOB have applied and we expect to hear back which proposal will be taken forward towards the end of this month. Oxfordshire’s proposal focussed on Oxford City and part of Banbury and Bicester covering areas we already have developed Integrated

Neighbourhood Teams and 9 out of the 10 most deprived wards in Oxfordshire.”

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

7. General Practice Access and Estates (Pages 77 - 88)

Julie Dandridge (Strategic Lead for Primary Care across Oxfordshire - Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board) has been invited to present a report on General Practice Access and Estates in Oxfordshire.

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

8. Oxfordshire Eyecare Services (Pages 89 - 96)

Matthew Tait (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board) has been invited to present a report on Eyecare services in Oxfordshire.

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

9. Healthwatch Oxfordshire Update (Pages 97 - 108)

Veronica Barry 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.

There are TWO documents attached to this item:

1. The main Healthwatch Oxfordshire Update report.
2. Appendix 1: A document developed by Healthwatch Oxfordshire, outlining the future of Healthwatch and independent scrutiny.

10. Adults Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder services (Pages 109 - 122)

Matthew Tait (BOB Integrated Care Board Chief Delivery Officer) has been invited to present a report on Adults Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder services in Oxfordshire.

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

11. **Forward Work Plan** (Pages 123 - 124)

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

12. **Actions and Recommendations Tracker** (Pages 125 - 142)

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.