

Appendix 1: Health Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro Forma

Where a joint health overview and scrutiny committee makes a report or recommendation to a responsible person (a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider[this can include the County Council]), the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide that the committee may require a response from the responsible person to whom it has made the report or recommendation and that person must respond in writing within 28 days of the request.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: General Practice Access and Estates in Oxfordshire

Lead Cabinet Member(s) or Responsible Person:

- Julie Dandridge (Strategic Lead for Primary Care across Oxfordshire).
- Matthew Tait (BOB ICB Chief Delivery Officer).
- Dr Michelle Brennan (GP and Chair of the Oxfordshire GP Leadership Group).
- Rachel Jeacock (Primary Care Lead).

It is requested that a response is provided to each of the recommendations outlined below:

Deadline for response: Tuesday 9th December 2025.

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

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Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (including if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale.
1. For the ICB to develop regular reporting on access equity across Oxfordshire, including digital exclusion, rural access, and variation in appointment availability between practices.	Partially accepted	<p>The ICB will share with members links to the nationally available data sets on access.</p> <p>The ICB does not hold data on digital exclusion but can provide members access to appointment availability at practice level through Appointments in General Practice - NHS England Digital</p>
2. To publish a rollout plan and evaluation framework for the Modern General Practice model, including metrics for patient experience, staff wellbeing, and service efficiency.	Partially accepted	<p>The ICB will share information with members on the roll out plan for modern general practice (noting that some practices will already be operating in this way).</p> <p>Patient experience information can be assessed through the GP Patient survey data GP Patient Survey</p>
3. To urgently progress and provide a written update on the timeline of delivery of the Great Western Park and Bicester Projects.	Accepted	<p>A written update will be provided to members by 31 January 2026. In the meantime, any updates on Great Western Park will be published on the ICB website Great Western Park, Didcot GP Services BOB ICB</p>
4. For the ICB to work with district valuers and local authorities to explore alternative funding models and design solutions for estate expansion where traditional schemes are deemed unviable. It is recommended that the ICB produces a plan for Oxfordshire.	Accepted	<p>The ICB welcomes opportunities to explore the use of section 2 of the NHS Act (2006) in Agreements that secure new primary care estate. Section 2 is a general power enabling NHSE/ICBs to enter into contractual arrangements with local authorities to secure the provision of primary medical services.</p> <p>The specific conditions that must be in place to make use of section 2 are:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the local authority must own the land on which it is to develop the facility – to avoid procurement challenges. In addition, the local authority must be developing the scheme• the local authority must retain the land/asset over the life of the contract to provide the NHS with the relevant security over investment• the space that is subject to the contract must be for the delivery of primary care services• the contract is a contract for goods <p>The ICB continue to work with the DV to ensure proposed rental values are considered as representing value for money.</p>
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