

To: **Members of the Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board**

Notice of a Meeting of the Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board

**Thursday, 12 March 2026 at 1.00 pm
Room 2&3 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND**

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Matthew Tait	Chief Delivery Officer, BOB ICB

Notes:• *Date of next meeting: 14 May 2026*

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome by Chair**
2. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
3. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note below**
4. **Petitions and Public Address**

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. (Monday 9th March)

Requests should be submitted to omid.nouri@Oxfordshire.gov.uk AND committeesdemocraticservices@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. **Note of Decisions/Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 9 - 22)**

To approve the Note of Decisions/Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2025 and to receive information arising from them.

6. **Update on Mental Health Motion (Pages 23 - 24)**

The purpose of this item is to address the Mental Health Motion passed by Oxfordshire County Council at its meeting on 9 December 2025. Oxfordshire County Council passed a motion requesting that the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) invite the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) to investigate and report on how mental health services provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and wider system partners are addressing the rising prevalence and impact of poor mental health among adults and children in Oxfordshire.

The wording of the motion agreed was as follows:

"This Council being deeply concerned by the impact of poor mental health on adults

and children in the County asks the Health and Wellbeing Board to request the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate and report back to them and to the County Council on how Mental Health services provided by Oxford Health and other organisations are tackling this issue.

Such an investigation of issues needs to include addressing accessibility to services including:

- *Prevention*
- *Assessment*
- *Therapeutic support*
- *Medication*
- *Emergency intervention such as "sectioning"*
- *Inpatient beds*

How these issues impact on other public services such Community Safety, Public Health, Housing, Schools, Fire and Rescue and the Police also needs to be assessed and understood. Most of all poor mental health impacts on individuals, families, and communities around the County and this must be addressed.

Council requests that the outcome of the investigation be sent to the appropriate Secretaries of State."

The Health and Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **AGREE** to request the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate mental health services and follow up as outlined in the wording of the motion.

7. Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Health Plan

PLEASE NOTE: The Report and Recommendations to the Board for this item are to follow; and will be published as an addenda after consideration and agreement by the Primary and Community Care Board and Place-Based Partnership endorsement on 6th March 2026.

8. Health & Wellbeing Strategy Update - Building Blocks priority 4-5 - Age well (Pages 25 - 42)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **NOTE** the progress on the delivery of priorities 5 & 6 for Age Well within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
2. **NOTE** and **AGREE** the proposed amendments to the Health and Wellbeing Board Shared Outcome metrics.

9. Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Annual Report, including Domestic Abuse Strategic Board Annual Report (Pages 43 - 70)

The Health & Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **NOTE** the activities and outcomes of the Safer Oxfordshire & Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board, reflected in Annex 1 & 2.

10. Director of Public Health Annual Report (Pages 71 - 110)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **NOTE** and consider the 2025/26 Director of Public Health Annual Report and specifically note the progress made to address health inequalities in Oxfordshire following the publication of the Director of Public Health Annual Report in 2019/2020, which marked a pivotal moment in Oxfordshire.
2. **SUPPORT** the interactive format of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2025/26 and note the insights that can be used for informing future service delivery plans.

11. Community Insight Profile toolkit (Pages 111 - 116)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **NOTE** the Community Insight Profile Development Framework (CIPs Toolkit) as a core legacy product of the Public Health led Community Insight Profiles (CIP) programme.
2. **NOTE** the alignment of the Toolkit with the Board's prevention and inequalities priorities, the Marmot Place work and the Director of Public Health Annual Report (DPHAR) 2025/26.
3. **SUPPORT** dissemination and use of the CIPs Toolkit across partners and communities to enable locally led CIPs and action plans.

12. Marmot Update (Pages 117 - 126)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **NOTE** the progress made through the Marmot programme and the partnership with the Institute for Health Equity.
2. **NOTE** the need to embed accountability further to the publication of the following reports to address inequities:
 - IHE Maternity, Babies, Children and Young People deep dive
 - Rural Inequalities review
 - IHE Fair Employment deep dive

13. Healthwatch Oxfordshire Update (Pages 127 - 134)

To receive and **NOTE** the Healthwatch Oxfordshire Report on patient views and experiences of Oxfordshire health and care services.

14. Update on the future of an independent patient voice for Oxfordshire - working group report (Pages 135 - 140)

The purpose of this item is to receive an update on the establishment and activities of the Health and Wellbeing Board Working Group on an Independent Patient Voice.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. **AGREE** to formally establish a working group on an independent patient voice.
2. **AGREE** that the working group will explore and evaluate models for a future independent patient voice function in Oxfordshire following the imminent abolition of Healthwatch by government legislation.
3. **AGREE** to the proposed membership of the working group outlined in this report below.
4. **DELEGATE** to the working group the power to oversee the commissioning of a public engagement exercise to explore the future of an independent patient voice, using the available Healthwatch grant underspend prior to April 2026.
5. **AGREE** to receive an update from the working group on a likely future independent voice function subsequent to the passing of government legislation to formally abolish Healthwatch.

15. Reports from Partnership Boards (Pages 141 - 144)

To receive updates from Partnership Boards.

- Place-Based Partnership (Written Update).
- Health Improvement Board (Verbal Update).
- Children's Trust Board (Verbal Update).

16. Forward Work Plan (Pages 145 - 146)

The Board is asked to **NOTE** the forward work programme.

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.