

**Meeting:** Health and Wellbeing Board **Date:** 4 December 2025

**Wards affected:** All

**Report Title:** Health and Wellbeing Board work programme 2026

**When does the decision need to be implemented?** December 2025

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## 1. Purpose of Report.

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1.1 The purpose of this report is to share with members the draft Health and Wellbeing Board work programme and meeting schedule for 2026.

## 2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

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2.1 The work programme of the Health and Wellbeing Board is structured around the statutory responsibilities of the Board. For example, the Board is required to receive and endorse the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, when these are updated.

2.2 The format for the meeting schedule is slightly different this year. Items are divided into:

- Focus items for discussion
- Statutory or policy items for reporting or sign off
- Partners items requiring sign off or visibility to board members
- New policy or strategy

2.3 The draft schedule for 2026 is included at **Appendix 1**. Additional items may be added during the year.

2.4 Partners are asked to ensure any new papers requiring Health and Wellbeing Board approval are notified in advance so they can be added to the forward plan.

- 2.5 Development workshops (online or in person) are scheduled quarterly in between formal Board meetings. These are designed to enable a more detailed and interactive discussion of key topics. It is proposed these are structured around the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2026-30 priority areas, in the coming year.
- 2.6 The Health and Wellbeing Board continues to hold a risk register. Members may raise risks they wish to put forward for inclusion in the register.

### 3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

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Members are asked to endorse the Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme for 2026.

### 4. Financial Opportunities and Implications

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None identified

### 5. Legal Implications

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None identified

### 6. Engagement and Consultation

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None

### 7. Procurement Implications

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None identified

### 8. Protecting our naturally inspiring Bay and tackling Climate Change

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The workplan will include papers relating to a range of issues including climate change.

### 9. Associated Risks

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No specific risks are identified.

Health and Wellbeing Board draft meeting schedule 2026

Meeting quarter	Focus items for discussion	Statutory or policy items for sign off / reporting	Partner items for sign off / visibility*	New policy / strategy**
<b>March</b>	<p>Suicide plan spotlight </p> <p>Joint Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy 2026-30 post consultation document. To agree process for monitoring progress &amp; delivery of priorities.</p> <p>Torbay Housing needs assessment</p>	<p>Torbay / Devon annual suicide plan refresh</p> <p>Annual Torbay Drug &amp; Alcohol Partnership report</p> <p>Torbay Better Care Fund: end of year review &amp; annual plan for 2026/27</p>	<p>Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust Strategy</p>	<p>Design process for Integrated Neighbourhood health teams</p>
<b>June</b>	<p>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment spotlight </p> <p>Joint Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy – spotlight topic review</p>	<p>Torbay Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</p> <p>Torbay Better Care Fund – quarterly sign off</p>		
<b>September</b>	<p>Joint Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy – spotlight topic review</p>	<p>Torbay Children’s Safeguarding annual report</p>		

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	Year round system readiness: annual planning for adverse weather events	Torbay Better Care Fund – quarterly sign off		
<b>December</b>	Annual Report spotlight   Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy – spotlight topic review	Director of Public Health Annual Report  Peninsula Annual Health Protection Report  Health and Wellbeing Board work programme – annual forward plan  Torbay and Devon Adult Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report  Torbay Better Care Fund – quarterly sign off		

\* These items are likely to be requested by partners during the year depending on timetables and policy. For example the ICB Health and Care Strategy.

\*\* Examples would be the NHS 10 Year Plan; Neighbourhood Health.