



Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board

4 December 2025

-: Present :-

Karen Barry (chair)

Councillor Bye, Julia Chisnell, Anna Coles, Emma Crowther, Mandy Guy, Pat Harris, Tara Harris, Toby Hewlett, Nancy Meehan, Nigel Williams

(Also in attendance: Simon Bellamy, Victoria Smith (observing))

15. Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Northcott, Pat Teague and Councillor David Thomas.

16. Minutes

17. Torbay Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2026 – consultation draft

The Director of Public Health presented the report as published, explaining that it will now go out for consultation for a period of six weeks, before returning to Full Council in the spring. The board noted the report.

18. Director of Public Health Annual Report 2025 on Ageing

The Director of Public Health presented the report as published, showing Board members a number of video excerpts, and explaining the different versions of the report available to the public, including accessible versions. There were no questions raised, and the board noted the report.

19. NHS Health and Care Strategy 2026 - 2031

Toby Hewlett, Director at Devon ICB outlined the updated strategy, explaining that it has arisen as a result of a renewed 10 year national plans which focusses on prevention and digital transition. Mr Hewlett outlined the methodology and the data which has fed into the strategy design, and outlined the issues it was intended to address.

Board members queried execution frameworks, efficiency measures, opportunities to collaborate and how the strategy may impact on community treatment ambitions. The Board agreed to note the report.

20. Autism Strategy 2025 - 2028

Officers presented the strategy report as published, noting that it had been produced in collaboration with Autism Ambassadors. The board noted an increase in late diagnosis, especially among females, and queried how this strategy interacts with national guidance, internal barriers to autism inclusion and follow up work with autism ambassadors. The Board noted the report.

21. Peninsula Health Protection Annual Report 2024/25

Mandy Guy presented the report as published, highlighting key areas and noting the importance of the actions described in combating public health outbreaks and in improving public health strategies. Members queried preparedness and risk levels in various areas. The report was noted.

22. Torbay Better Care Fund - quarterly monitoring report

Emma Crowther presented the report as published, noting key metrics in various areas, and noting downward trajectories in a number of performance areas.

Action: The Board requests that Better Care Fund Schemes and their performance is added to the work programme of the Adults Health Scrutiny Board (Simon Bellamy/Governance Support to arrange)

23. 2026 Health and Wellbeing Board work programme

The Board noted and endorsed the Work Programme as published.

24. Any other business

The Board discussed upcoming CQC reports, including timelines for publication and work undertaken to date.