

Public Questions to be answered at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 24 September 2025.

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Part 3.2 of the Council's Constitution.

(a) Question submitted to the ICB Chief Medical Officer by Paula Saunderson:

'I first raised the Issues around Adult Continuing Health Care (CHC) about 4 years ago and had a Zoom meeting with a representative of this Board, which centred around self-funding families outside of the adult social care loop, who were not being awarded CHC, and I was promised pieces of work that would come up with findings and recommendations on why Berkshire West rates were low, with a lack of balanced consideration for self-funding families, and as this has not been forthcoming, what is this Board prepared to do about this please?'

(b) Question submitted to the Executive Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Public Health by Paula Saunderson:

'When an adult patient is eventually awarded CHC for a bedroom in a care home, what are your minimum space guidelines for those rooms, bearing in mind they are likely to need recliner chairs, may be bed-bound, doubly incontinent and need 2 carers to handle them safely?'

(c) Question submitted to the ICB Chief Medical Officer by Paula Saunderson:

'Every day now, there are firms advertising to help people to obtain Continuing Health Care, and they are including dementia in their adverts, whereas the domains and weightings within the scheme are not necessarily favourable towards dementia, therefore has anything changed in that respect within the domains and weightings please?'

(d) Question submitted to the ICB Chief Medical Officer by Paula Saunderson:

'How are you progressing with your dementia pathway and actions 2.1 and 2.2 within your Delivery Plan, and what new things have been launched in West Berkshire in 2025 so far, and what is planned for next year?'

(e) Question submitted to the ICB Chief Medical Officer by Paula Saunderson:

'For neurodivergent patients and those with dementia, where can I find a diagram (flowchart) of your dementia pathway and the main chunks within it please?'