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HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2026

Present: Councillor Nigel Foot (Chairman), Councillor David Marsh, Paul Coe, AnnMarie Dodds, Matt Pearce, Helen Williamson, Fiona Worby, Helen Clark (Substitute) (in place of Dr Ben Riley), Hannah Hollis (Substitute) (in place of Dr Janet Lippett) and Bernie Prizeman (Substitute) (in place of Rachel Peters)

Also Present: Gordon Oliver (Principal Policy Officer), Tracia Cudjoe (Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust) and Dr Ellora Evans

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Dr Ben Riley, Councillor Jeff Brooks, Councillor Patrick Clark, Councillor Heather Codling, Councillor Joanne Stewart, Dr Janet Lippett, Gail Muirhead, C/Supt Felicity Parker and Rachel Peters

Absent: Clare Lawrence and Rebecca Morgan

PART I

96 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2025 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

97 Actions arising from previous meeting(s)

Members reviewed the updates on actions from the previous meetings:

- **25-01:** It was noted that at least one Integrated Care Board (ICB) representative was required for meetings to be quorate, and it was confirmed that ICB representation would be revisited once the new Thames Valley ICB had been formed.

98 Declarations of Interest

No further declarations of interest were received beyond those standing declarations given in the agenda papers.

99 Public Questions

There were no public questions submitted to this meeting.

100 Petitions

There were no petitions presented to the Board.

101 Health and Wellbeing Board Membership

The following changes to the Board's membership were noted:

- Hannah Hollis added as a substitute for Dr Janet Lippett
- Ian Patterson added as a substitute for Rebecca Morgan

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It was noted that a GP representative for the Board was being sought, but Dr Ellora Evans was attending until a permanent representative could be found. Also, Tracia Cudjoe was attending from Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The Board resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the above to speak at the meeting.

102 Ratification of Health and Wellbeing Board Priorities

Dr Matt Pearce (Director of Public Health) introduced the report on Ratification of the Health and Wellbeing Board Priorities (Agenda Item 8).

The following points were discussed:

- The report proposed to have formal sponsors for each priority. AnnMarie Dodds had agreed to be the sponsor for the Best Start in Life priority, but it was highlighted that further conversations were needed to identify named sponsors for the other two priorities.
- This was seen as a good opportunity to dovetail NHS and Council operations for the benefit of local residents. This was seen as particularly important given the current, challenging financial position.

RESOLVED:

To agree that the priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Board for the medium term should be:

- 1) Best Start in Life
- 2) Children and Young People and Adult Mental Health
- 3) Healthy Neighbourhoods

To agree that:

- 1) Delivery plans be developed for all three priorities, with the Local Neighbourhood Health Plan and Best Start in Life Delivery Plan being prioritised to meet timescales specified by central government.
- 2) To support each delivery plan, outcomes frameworks will be developed that include intermediary input and output metrics that will look to shift outcomes.

To agree that AnnMarie Dodds (Executive Director – Children’s Services) be nominated as the Health and Wellbeing Board’s sponsor for the Best Start in Life Priority, with sponsors to be identified for the Children and Young People and Adult Mental Health and Healthy Neighbourhoods priorities.

103 West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board Compact

Dr Matt Pearce presented the report on the Health and Wellbeing Board Compact (Agenda Item 9).

The following points were discussed:

- It was felt that the Compact set out why the Board was in existence and that it built on existing relationships that had been developed.
- If adopted, the Compact would be a useful point of reference to guide future joint working.

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board Compact as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, and to agree to adhere to the principles and ways of working set out within it.

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104 Members' Question(s)

There were no Member questions submitted to the meeting.

105 Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan

The Board considered the Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan (Agenda Item 11).

Following the Local Government Association review of the Health and Wellbeing Board, it had been agreed to move to three formal meetings per year – these were proposed for January, May and September, with informal meetings / workshops in between.

It was proposed to have an additional meeting to endorse the Best Start in Life Plan and approve the Neighbourhood Health Plan, both of which had to be approved by the end of March. However, it was noted that government guidance on the latter was still awaited, so the meeting was subject to confirmation.

No other items were added to the Forward Plan.

Some errors were highlighted with the dates in the Forward Plan.

Action: Date errors to be corrected.

RESOLVED to note the Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan.

106 Future Health and Wellbeing Board Meetings

The dates of future meetings were noted

(The meeting commenced at 9.31 am and closed at 9.59 am)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature