

HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at Shire Hall, Gloucester. To view/listen to the discussion at this meeting please visit the Gloucestershire County Council website at the link [here](#).

Present	Cllr Andrew Gravells MBE (Chair)	Cllr Susan Williams
	Cllr David Brown	Cllr Adrian Bamford (Remote)
	Cllr Linda Cohen	Cllr Paula Dee
	Cllr Dr David Drew (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Helen Fenton
	Cllr Terry Hale	Cllr Gemma Madle (Remote)
	Cllr Paul Hodgkinson	Cllr Dilys Neill
	Cllr Alan Preest	

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Julia Gooch (FODDC).

Cllrs Gemma Madle and Adrian Bamford joined the meeting via remote access.

Chair, Cllr Andrew Gravells, welcomed Cllr Paula Dee from Gloucester City Council to the meeting and paid tribute to Ingrid Barker, (Chief Executive of the Gloucestershire NHS Health and Care Foundation Trust), on her forthcoming retirement from the Trust.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Adrian Bamford from Cheltenham Borough Council advised the meeting that he had been responsible for the delivery of Cancer Services and involved in the setting of cancer performance targets for Gloucestershire NHS Hospitals from the late 1990's until retirement in 2017.

3. MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the joint meeting held on 11 January 2024 and summary of actions were confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

3.2 Responding to an action from the meeting relating to a visit to the BeeZee Bodies Delivery Programme at Coney Hill and offers to encourage and promote healthy lifestyles in local communities, particularly in the Barton and Tredworth areas of Gloucester, it was confirmed that a 16-week face to face programme had commenced in January 2024 to address the low take up of numbers/families of work relating to the BeeZee Bodies Programme in these areas.

3.3 Members were invited to contact jo.moore@gloucestershire.gov.uk if they were interested, (as a small group of members), to undertake a visit to the BeeZee Bodies delivery programme at Coney Hill, Gloucester, on a mutually agreed date later in the year.

4. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

No public representations were submitted for consideration at this meeting.

5. MATERNITY SERVICES UPDATE

5.1 Members engaged an in-depth discussion on the delivery of Maternity Services for the County, including the responses to the Panorama television documentary 'Midwives under Pressure' broadcast by the BBC on 29 January 2024, and the focus on Cheltenham General Hospital in the reporting of national maternity challenges.

5.2 Contributing to the discussion/responding to questions were representatives from the Gloucestershire NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust.

Key information presented at the meeting included: -

5.3 The BBC Panorama documentary broadcast on Monday 29 January 2024, focused on maternity services provided by the Gloucestershire NHS Hospital Foundation Trust. The programme included details of three very tragic deaths of a mother and two babies in NHS Gloucestershire Hospitals, in addition to exploring the national and local challenges in recruitment and staffing. The documentary also focused on the impact on staff, where some staff felt unable to speak up about safety concerns or felt they had not been listened to, particularly in relation to the two baby deaths in 2019 and 2020.

5.4 NHS representatives stated that the maternity services in Gloucestershire were undergoing significant transformation and that, as a Trust, NHS Gloucestershire Hospitals FT was determined to learn from past experiences and address any issues where mistakes were made.

5.5 The cases highlighted by the BBC documentary occurred between 2019 to 2021. Each case was independently investigated. Members were reassured that, as a result of the investigations and subsequent Care Quality Commission's (CQC) inspections, significant improvements had been made to the delivery of NHS Gloucestershire maternity services.

5.6 Acknowledging that the Panorama programme had been very distressing, it was noted that the Trust had apologised for its failings and the trauma experienced by those individuals who had suffered such tragic losses. It was also noted that the Trust had made extensive changes and improvements over the past 18 months as part of the wider journey of improvement currently underway.

5.7 Some of the key changes included:

- 1) A new and expanded senior leadership team.
- 2) An increased number of midwives and doctors.
- 3) Work with staff to focus on patient safety, learning and continuous improvement.

- 4) Introduction of a new consultant midwife role to strengthen midwifery oversight of midwifery-led care.
- 5) An ongoing recruitment and retention programme to reduce vacancies and turnover of staff.
- 6) Introduction of a 'Place of birth risk assessment' to prevent delays in accessing urgent care, if required.
- 7) Three daily safety briefings to review staffing, workload and labour inductions (ensuring concerns are addressed immediately).
- 8) Revisions to the internal Freedom to Speak Up Service.
- 9) A range of other support offered to staff, including wellbeing and psychological services and safety champions.

5.8 The changes are being driven by staff, working in conjunction with families and communities. It is hoped this will encourage everyone to speak out and ensure the best and safest care is provided.

5.9 In terms of staffing levels and investment in NHS Gloucestershire midwifery services, it was confirmed that, since April 2020, the Trust had invested an additional £1.8 million towards increasing maternity staffing, including obstetricians, consultants, administration support and the number of midwives working in the department. Concerns were raised about the negative impact the Panorama Documentary might have on recruitment to NHS Gloucestershire maternity services.

5.10 The vacancy rate for clinically delivering midwives in the Trust had reduced from 15% in the summer of 2023 to 7.85% December 2023. With continued focus on the recruitment and retention of midwives, it was hoped the vacancy rate would reduce even further to 5.3% by July 2024.

5.11 Claims by the BBC that the NHS Gloucestershire maternal death rate was twice the national average were refuted at the meeting. Members were informed that such claims were inaccurate and something that national experts in maternal and neonatal deaths at Oxford University (MBRRACE) and the Local Maternity and Neonatal System, had reviewed independently. From the reviews, it had been confirmed that data for Gloucestershire was in line with the national average and not significantly different from the UK rate.

5.12 In response to members questions, the Trust stated it was committed to learning from the tragic cases reported by the BBC documentary and would be engaging with the Maternity Improvement Advisor from NHS England and other system partners to commission an external working party, including clinicians, to look at the mortality issues in more depth and to form a more objective review.

5.13 Running parallel to this, was a Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS) Review led by the new Chief Nursing Officer of the NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board and Chair of the LMNS, Marie Crofts. The review to focus on key priorities, transformational work, and the action plans currently underway to ensure alignment with strategic priorities.

5.14 In February 2024, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published results of its national maternity survey. The national survey highlights women's and families' views on all aspects of maternity care from the first time they see a clinician or midwife, through to the care provided at home in the weeks following the arrival of their baby. The survey took place in February 2023 and asked women about their experiences of care at three different stages of their care – antenatal care, labour and birth and postnatal care. 230 people who accessed maternity care at Gloucestershire Hospitals took part in the survey.

5.15 The Trust was rated particularly high in several areas. Areas where the Trust was rated less highly, however, included i) Being given appropriate information and advice on the risks associated with an induced labour, before being induced; and ii) Being provided with relevant information, support and advice about feeding their baby, both during pregnancy and after the birth of their baby. Full results of the survey are available on the CQC website.

5.16 Stroud Maternity Unit and Aveta Birthing Unit

5.17 On 31 January 2024, HOSC Chair and Vice Chair, Cllrs Andrew Gravells and David Drew, had met with Siobhan Baillie, MP for Stroud, Maria Caulfield, Under Secretary of State for Mental Health and Women's Health, Carolyn Jenkinson from the CQC Inspectorate, Professor Mark Pietroni and Kevin McNamara from the Gloucestershire NHS Hospitals FT, and representatives from the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to discuss the ongoing temporary closure of postnatal beds at Stroud Maternity Unit (SMU), plus other related issues, (including the recruitment and retention of staff).

5.18 At the meeting, it was agreed that partnership working should continue to allow key stakeholders to optimise the delivery of safe and reliable maternity services for the women of Gloucestershire. Periodical updates to be provided, and meetings reconvened at appropriate intervals. The Trust said that it had welcomed the opportunity to meet with key partners to discuss the challenges being presented during the delivery of maternity services.

5.19 Committee Vice Chair, Cllr David Drew, also conveyed his appreciation of the opportunity to meet with the MP for Stroud, particularly on issues relating specifically to Stroud Maternity Hospital. Cllr Drew emphasised the importance of re-opening the Aveta Birth Unit at Cheltenham and reinstating the offer of providing post-natal beds at Stroud. The comments were noted, with assurances that both decisions would continue to be monitored.

5.20 Members were advised that, although good progress was being made in terms of recruitment, there was still more to do to ensure staffing levels were at a safe and satisfactory level to enable the reopening of post-natal beds in Stroud.

5.21 Referencing the temporary closure of the Aveta Birth Unit at Cheltenham General Hospital in 2022, the Trust confirmed that, from the centralising of services to Gloucestershire Royal, 99% of new births now received one-to-one care during labour. Every effort was being made to achieve the 100% ambition. The Trust

continued to work closely with system partners on how maternity service provision could be re-opened safely at both Cheltenham and Stroud Hospitals.

The following comments and questions were raised at the meeting: -

5.22 Several members questioned why the Health, Overview and Scrutiny Committee had not been notified of the deaths involving a mother and 2 babies between 2019 and 2021. Newly appointed Chief Executive of the Gloucestershire NHS Hospitals Trust, Kevin McNamara, stated that the information, including the outcomes of Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspections, was public information and available on the NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board website. It was acknowledged, however, that better communications were required going forward. Links to the NHS Gloucestershire and CQC website to be shared with the committee. **Action by – Democratic Services**

5.23 A member enquired about the actions taken in response to the 3 deaths that had been highlighted by the Panorama Television Programme and proposed that a full independent 'external' inquiry be arranged. Lisa Stephens, NHS Gloucestershire Director of Midwifery, confirmed that the deaths had been investigated by an external independent review body and that a significant piece of work had been undertaken in response to the outcomes of the investigations, including a review of risk assessments aligned to individual birthing options.

5.24 In addition, a full governance review, led by NHS England, had been implemented. Leadership and staff safety continued to be key priorities during the review.

5.25 To note the actions being taken and to monitor the progress of the actions plans produced in response to the findings of the external investigations/CQC inspections, members requested regular updates on the progress of the actions at future meetings. The CQC inspection report following the recent inspection of Stroud Maternity Hospital to be shared with the committee when available. **Actions by – Gloucestershire NHS Hospitals FT**

5.26 Committee Chair, Cllr Andrew Gravells, requested that a progress report on the progress of the respective action plans be considered at the next committee meeting on 21 May 2024 and that representatives from the independent review organisations be invited to the meeting to respond to questions. **Action by – Gloucestershire NHS Hospitals FT**

5.27 Cllr Gravells enquired if the NHS Hospitals FT had been invited to participate on the BBC Panorama Documentary, and if the BBC had responded to the correction of inaccurate claims that the Gloucestershire maternal death rate had been twice the national average. It was confirmed that the BBC had not invited the Trust to contribute to the programme, nor had it corrected the inaccurate claims.

5.28 Acknowledging resistance from some members of the committee, Cllr Gravells proposed that a letter be sent to the BBC to express the committees' concerns

about decisions taken before the broadcasting of the Panorama Television Programme. **Action by – Democratic Services**

5.29 Since the meeting, a letter has been sent to the BBC, seeking confirmation on whether an invitation to participate in the programme had been sent to the Gloucestershire NHS Hospitals FT. The letter questioned why this had not been considered a central component to ensuring a balanced discussion during the documentary. The letter also enquired if information referred to by the television programme had been authenticated by either the NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board or the Gloucestershire NHS Hospitals FT.

5.30 Members requested a full update on the delivery of Maternity Services in Gloucestershire at the committee meeting on 21 May 2024.

6. NHS GLOUCESTERSHIRE WINTER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2023-24

To view the report for this item, please refer to the agenda published on the Gloucestershire County Council webpage at the link [here](#).

6.1 The committee received an overview of the priorities and plans set out for the delivery of Urgent and Emergency Care in Gloucestershire during the Winter of 2023/24. Please refer to the report published with the agenda for more details at the link [here](#)

6.2 The committee was asked to review and evaluate the NHS Gloucestershire Winter Assurance Plan 2023/24 presented to the committee in October 2023. To view the presentation pack published with the agenda for that meeting, please refer to the link [here](#)

6.3 Members were informed that the NHS Gloucestershire Winter Assurance Plan for 2023/24 had been developed in response to the 'usual' anticipated winter challenges, in addition to planning for seasonal flu, the ongoing impact of Covid 19, and continuing industrial action and workforce challenges experienced across the Gloucestershire Health and Social Care Network.

6.4 The plan was produced in collaboration with system partners, including Adult Social Care, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Primary Care, Voluntary Care Sector providers, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, (community physical and mental health), the Southwest Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust and Private Sector Providers.

6.5 Forming part of the discussion, members received an update on the performance of the Southwest Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) by the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Trust, John Martin. Prior to the meeting, members considered district level data relating to the average Ambulance Category 1 and Category 2 response times for Gloucestershire during the period 2021 to 2024, including average response times recorded in January 2024. Members attention was also drawn to agenda item 8 and pages 40 to 44 of the agenda pack.

6.6 Responding to questions, the Chief Executive acknowledged concerns about ambulance response times for the county and to barriers to performance in rural areas. He also responded to questions about the availability and the sharing of equipment and other resources.

6.7 Committee Chair, Cllr Andrew Gravells, referred to the merits of arranging combined meetings between the various County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees located in the Southwest and the Southwest Ambulance Service FT. Cllr Gravells reiterated the value of joint working with neighbouring trusts.

6.8 Seeking a view on the anticipated performance of the SW Ambulance Service FT in the next 6 to 12 months, Cllr Gravells suggested adding an item to the committee work plan/agreeing a date for a full update from SWASFT to the new committee in early 2025. **Action by – Democratic Services/SWASFT**

7. GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE (LMC)

7.1 At the invitation of Operations Manager, Nicola Wright, members received a presentation on behalf of the Gloucestershire Local Medical Committee (LMC). Local GP, Dr Bob Hodges, attended the meeting to support the presentation and to respond to questions on the work of the committee based in Gloucestershire.

7.2 Established circa 1911, a Local Medical Committee is 'a democratic body elected by and comprising local GPs. Under Section 97 of the NHS Act 2006, each committee is designated as the local representative committee for all medical practitioners who, under a general medical services contract, provide primary medical services in the area for which that committee is formed.

7.3 The committee is an independent body, representing the interests of all General Practitioners. Free from political constraint, the committee provides a source of advice and support for GPs in matters affecting their professional lives and activities. In consultation with medical defence organisations, the British Medical Association, and solicitors, the LMC is able to offer advice to GP's should they need to seek help on any professional matter.

7.4 The committee also acts as the representative body for the canvassing of views from local GPs prior to consideration by the NHS Integrated Care Board, NHS England and other bodies.

7.5 As a professional body, the committee is responsible for ensuring the quality of GP work and the upholding of standards of professional practice. The LMC shares responsibility with NHS England and with regulatory and educational bodies to ensure local GPs conduct themselves appropriately, remain competent, are fit to practice, and do not expose patients to unnecessary risk.

7.6 The LMC strives to ensure local GPs, whose performance or conduct may have fallen below the required standards, are treated fairly, and are given the opportunity to correct any deficiencies.

7.7 Elected representatives in Gloucestershire comprise: 4 Gloucester GPs; 2 Forest of Dean GPs; 2 Cotswold GPs; 4 GPs for Stroud and Berkeley Vale; 1 Tewkesbury GP; 4 Cheltenham GPs; 2 GPs to represent freelance/locum GPs and several co-opted members, representing practice managers and GP trainees. Representatives are elected every four years. The LMC office is managed by a full time Operations Manager, with administrative support.

7.8 As an independent organisation, the LMC is funded by statutory and voluntary levy by all Gloucestershire GP Practices, (currently 46 pence per patient), and from by national levy, (currently 4 pence per patient). The national levy contributes to the GP Defence Fund (GPDF) to provide support to the British Medical Association and to aid any local GP Practices undergoing legal cases.

7.9 HOSC members welcomed the presentation, including confirmation of the encouraging working relationship between the LMC and the Gloucestershire ICB. Noting data relating to GP access in Gloucestershire, members were able to consider new information on the challenges to local GPs and the impact of the growing population in Gloucestershire. Members also noted the work in place to attract new GPs to the county. Information on ring fenced funding prioritised to support NHS recruitment to be presented to the committee at a future meeting.

Action by - NHS Gloucestershire

7.10 Helen Goodey, Director of Primary Care and Place for NHS Gloucestershire, reaffirmed the NHS ICB's support to the LMC and advised of ongoing work to address the demands on the health and care system created by the increasing population growth. Responding to a member's concerns about GP provision in the Coopers Edge area of Brockworth, NHS Gloucestershire agreed to make enquiries and report back to Cllr Susan Willams. **Action by - NHS Gloucestershire**

7.11 Another member highlighted the need for additional support for patients with hearing issues who use the triage/telephonic systems and requested an update to form part of the ICB update to the committee. **Action by - NHS Gloucestershire**

7.12 Noting concerns about the impact of new housing development and housing provision in the county, it was agreed this was a challenging time for the county but that the situation was not unique to Gloucestershire.

7.13 HOSC requested regular updates from the LMC and this was agreed. One member enquired how the public could receive updates from the LMC and on the arrangements for access to General Practice. It was proposed that a communications strategy be considered for development between the LMC and the NHS ICB to incorporate messages from which the public could gain a better perception and understanding of what services to use. **Action by - NHS Gloucestershire**

7.14 With the agreement of the LMC, members were encouraged to seek more information on the work of the committee from Operations Manager, Nic Wright at

10 Westgate House, The Island, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2RU Email: nicwright@gloslmc.co.uk Tel: 01452 310706 or by visiting www.gloslmc.co.uk

8. GLOUCESTERSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM (GICS) PERFORMANCE REPORT

8.1 The committee noted the Gloucestershire Integrated Care System, (ICS), Performance Report detailing the performance of the NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board. The report included information on performance, quality and workforce. The report was taken as read at the meeting.

8.2 To view the contents of the report please refer to the link on the Gloucestershire County Council website at the link [here](#).

Key messages highlighted at the meeting included: -

8.3 Cllr Paul Hodgkinson expressed concern about the performance of some core NHS Gloucestershire performance targets, including those relating to Cancer Treatment Waiting Times. After the meeting, Cllr Hodgkinson submitted a Motion, (Motion 935 - NHS Cancer Treatment Waiting Times), for consideration at the Gloucestershire Full Council meeting on 20 March 2024 based on his concerns.

8.4 At the Council Meeting, members had resolved that: -

- 1) A full briefing would be presented to the Council by the Gloucestershire Health Overview Scrutiny Committee, after the committee had conducted a review of cancer treatment waiting times in Gloucestershire, (to be brought back to Council within six months of the motion being proposed).
- 2) The Leader of Council to write to the Chief Executive of the NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board, highlighting the Council's concerns on cancer treatment waiting times in both Gloucestershire and across England, and asking the ICB to take action to address this.

To listen to the full debate at the council meeting please open the link [here](#).

8.5 In response to concerns about the under-performing of some performance targets, including neurological targets, NHS Gloucestershire acknowledged that the current position was challenging, but not unique to Gloucestershire. Where performance targets failed to meet the required targets, contingency recovery plans were introduced. The committee requested progress reports on the recovery plans, and it was agreed to provide updates as part of the performance reporting process to the committee at future meetings. **Action by – NHS Gloucestershire**

9. NHS GLOUCESTERSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD (ICB) REPORT

9.1 The NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board, (ICB), report was taken as read at the meeting. The report included updates from Integrated Care System

(ICS) Partners with responsibility for overseeing the day-to-day commissioning and provision of NHS services in Gloucestershire.

9.2 To view the contents of the report please refer to the link on the Gloucestershire County Council website at the link [here](#).

Highlights referred to by the report included: -

9.3 The new Gloucestershire Diagnostic Centre opened in February 2024 and welcoming patients for diagnostic tests. The new £15m facility is located at the new Quayside building in Gloucester, offering more than 80,000 additional diagnostic appointments each year and allowing patients in Gloucestershire to access potentially lifesaving checks more quickly, without having to visit hospital. A wide range of diagnostic tests including X-Rays, MRI, CT, ultrasound, ECHO and DEXA scanning will be available when the centre becomes fully operational.

9.4 The Gloucestershire Dementia Strategy was considered by the NHS Gloucestershire Programme Development Group (PDG) in December 2023, and has received the support of system partners. The Strategy aims to promote dementia positive communities and enable the delivery of a personalised proactive approach to provide support and care at local community or neighbourhood level to help prevent, slow or reduce the impact of dementia. A comprehensive Dementia Needs Assessment has been completed and a series of workshops held involving participants from health, social care, public health, community, and VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) organisations. The Strategy will be presented to the ICB for governance approval.

9.5 The Gloucestershire Local Area Partnership had its OFSTED and Care Quality Commission (CQC) Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) inspection from 27 November to 15 Dec 2023. OFSTED and CQC carry out joint inspections of local areas at the request of the Secretary of State for Education under Section 20(1)(a) of the Children Act 2004. The purpose of inspection is to provide an independent, external evaluation of the effectiveness of the local area partnership's arrangements for children and young people with SEND. The inspection report was published on 6 February 2024. Committee members were invited to study the report and to submit any comments on the areas identified for improvement. **Action by – HOSC**

9.6 Cheltenham Primary Care Network (PCN) won a top award, (Primary Care Network of the Year), for its joined-up work to proactively care for a diverse range of patients across Cheltenham.

9.7 Members were asked to encourage people across the county aged 40 and over to take up the offer of a blood pressure check in an effort to reduce heart attacks and stroke. One Gloucestershire's Information Bus and the Outreach Vaccination and Health Team offered blood pressure checks in a variety of locations in January 2024. The latest initiative to build on visits to other parts of the county in the Autumn of 2023. Members enquired about the role of Pharmacists in offering blood pressure checks and were advised to visit the [NHS Pharmacy First Service](#) and the [ICB](#)

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[Pharmacy](#) webpages for details of blood pressure checks and other services provided by local Pharmacists in Gloucestershire.

The report was noted.

10. WORK PLAN

The dates of future meetings and the committee work plan were noted.

The following items were considered and agreed as possible items to include on the committee work plan: -

1. Children and Adults Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Scrutiny Review

At the Gloucestershire County Council Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 6 December 2023, the committee agreed that a proposal by Cllr Andrew Gravells, (Chair of HOSC), and Cllr Andrew Miller, (Chair of Children and Families Scrutiny Committee), for the members of both committees to consider the establishment of a joint (HOSC/C&FSC) scrutiny and finish task group in response to concerns about the delivery of Children and Adults Mental Health Services (CAMHS), including CAMHS appointment waiting times, be deferred pending the outcome of the Gloucestershire SEND Inspection in 2023/24.

At the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee meeting on 7 March 2024, Cllr Andrew Gravells requested information on the county's investment into the delivery of Children and Adults Mental Health Services (CAMHS) prior to members considering the following proposals at this meeting.

At the meeting, it was suggested that a briefing note and task group review scoping document be considered under the committee work plan item for consideration/discussion at the HOSC meeting on 21 May 2024 (this will allow the new membership of the committee to consider how they wish to take the item forward/including consideration of the proposal for a task group review). HOSC district representatives with an interest in the issue to be invited to attend relevant task group meetings (at the invitation of the Chair) following the May council elections. Chair of Gloucestershire Health and Care Foundation Trust noted the suggestion and advised that the review be scoped as a broader Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) review to look at issues across the whole system pathway. **Action by – NHS Gloucestershire GHCFT/Democratic Services**

2. Maternity Services Update (including invitation to external independent investigation boards) – 21 May 2024

3. GP Access – this item was suggested after the HOSC meeting on 12 March 2024 meeting for consideration at the HOSC meeting on 21 May 2024.

4. Frailty Issues – overview to be included in the 21 May meeting ICB Update Report

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5. Deaf and hard of hearing accessibility to services – update to be included in the 21 May meeting ICB Update Report

6. Combined HOSC (SW Region) and SWAST discussion – to consider the arrangements for inviting representatives from other HOSCs within the SW region to participate in a Teams discussion with SWAST.

7. Committee Work Plan Review – 21 May 2024/16 July 2024

It was noted that the next meeting of the committee, on 21 May 2024, would be the first meeting of the new committee membership following district local elections and following the appointment of district representatives on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at local council annual general meetings.

CHAIRPERSON

Meeting concluded at 12.40pm