

National changes in health and care

- Members noted the significant change happening nationally that was impacting on various organisations / sectors in our place, particularly around the future functions of Integrated Care Boards, the future of Healthwatch organisations, and the publication of 'Fit for the Future: 10 Year Health Plan for England'.
- Colleagues recognised the pressures individuals and teams were facing and noted the importance of maintaining partnership working during uncertain times.

The use of data and digital solutions to support integrated health and care services

- The board heard about opportunities for greater integration through examples from our Integrated Care Communities and the Integrated Wellness Service. These were centred around:

Data sharing between organisations

- This could enable a more rounded approach to population health management, allowing us to identify resident cohorts using more holistic criteria and therefore co-design more tailored support focused on wider determinants of health. It would also allow us to understand the impact of our collaborative work across multiple organisations/sectors.

The board agreed to prioritise better inclusion of data from Westmorland and Furness Council in data sources used for case finding.

Making greater use of the shared care record

- This could enable a wider view of health and care information across partners (with resident consent), allowing us to provide more integrated care, support health and care professionals to make decisions that are aligned with a residents' wishes / previous treatment, and support residents in their desire to "tell their story once".

The board agreed to prioritise understanding / addressing any actual or perceived barriers to accessing the shared care record and promoting its utilisation particularly for proactive care planning / advance care planning around long term conditions and end of life care.

A future Care Professionals Enabling Group will be used to support this work.

Planning for winter 2025/26

- The board received assurance that the North Lancashire and South Cumbria Urgent & Emergency Care Delivery Board is leading on winter planning for 2025/26, meeting national requirements and coordinating local activities, including bids for funding and allocation of spend based on evidence of previous projects.
- Key projects to support the increased demand and acuity during winter are continued expansion of the Morecambe Bay Respiratory Network, increased therapy support to intermediate care and discharge-to-assess beds, a 'take home and settle' service provided by the VCFSE, increased capacity in virtual wards
- Partners continue promote uptake of vaccinations with staff and volunteers, proactively addressing inequalities in our workforce being able to access vaccinations.

South Cumbria Place Partnership 2024/25 End-of-Year review

- Board members confirmed that this had been cascaded within organisations and sectors, with positive feedback received on the breadth of work underway across our place, our engagement with residents and communities, and our focus on wellbeing and prevention.
- The board requested continuation of this in future years.

Escalations to the board from the Place Partnership Forum

- The board received feedback from forum sessions held in June and July covering the following topics:

Listening to resident voices

- The board recognised the success of the forum in creating an environment where residents felt included, heard, and had confidence in our collective commitment to continuing to listen to the voices of our residents and act upon what is important to them.
- The board endorsed actions to strengthen our activities in relation to what is important to residents, including selecting three themes to focus on during 2025/26:
 - The importance of big green spaces in relation to health and wellbeing
 - Telling our story once
 - Relationships, consistency and face to face appointments are key. Understanding the patient and their circumstances is as important as understanding and treating the condition
- Work programme leads will proactively identify their proposed actions, and we will ensure that 'resident reference groups' work in partnership with each work programme or agreed action. This is most likely to be through established and trusting relationships with existing resident groups or existing volunteers with lived experience.

Women's health

- The board noted that significant work has taken place to engage with residents and stakeholder organisations in considering the scope and priorities for a women's health and wellbeing hub in Barrow. This included a full-day workshop in June which focused on hearing from experts by experience and understanding patient insight data and information, and use of the forum in July to sense check proposed priorities and future plans.
- The board supported next steps around further engagement, designing the clinical model, and establishment of a steering group to and oversee commissioning and mobilisation.

Priority work programmes for 2025/26

- The board agreed to support a series of 'deep dives' into key work programmes to gain a better understanding of progress, challenges, opportunities and impact.
- This will commence at the meeting in October 2025 with consideration of our frail elderly population including schemes designed to promote independence, increase our focus on prevention and wellness, and avoid unnecessary admission to hospital and/or long-term residential care. This will be a timely understanding of how such schemes can support the system during winter.
- We will follow this with consideration of our Integrated Care Communities and neighbourhood health model in February 2026.

Items received for information

- The board received reports for information:
 - Papers from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership held on 9th June 2025
 - Place work programmes: highlight reports that are provided to the Programme Delivery Board.