

**Minutes of the meeting of the Essex Health and Wellbeing Board held at
09:30am on Wednesday 17 May 2023 in Committee Room 1, County Hall,
Chelmsford**

1. Membership, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

Present:

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| Councillor John Spence | Essex County Council (Chairman) |
| Jeff Banks | Mid and South Essex ICS |
| Georgina Blakemore | Chief Executive of Epping Forest District Council |
| Paul Burstow | ICB chair designate, NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex |
| Toni Coles | Herts and West Essex ICB |
| Kate Crofts | Senior Equality and Partnerships Adviser, ECC |
| Peter Davey | Essex Association of Local Councils |
| Dr Anna Davey | Primary Care Partner Member on MSE ICB |
| Ian Davidson | Vice-Chair and Chair of Essex Partnership Strategic Coordination Group |
| Dan Doherty | Mid Essex Alliance |
| Councillor Beverley Egan | Essex County Council |
| Dr Jane Halpin | ICS lead and ICB CEO, NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex |
| Leighton Hammett | Detective Superintendent, Essex Police |
| Will Herbert | Head of Integration Partnerships, ECC |
| Roger Hirst | Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner |
| Will Hooper | Senior Strategy Advisor, ECC |
| Susannah Howard | ICS Programme Director, Suffolk, and Northeast Essex ICS |
| Shammi Jalota | Head of Profession Equalities and Partnerships, ECC |
| Lorraine Jarvis | Chelmsford CVS (Voluntary Sector) |
| Helen Lincoln | Executive Director for Children, Families & Education |
| Dr Kate Mahoney | Healthwatch Essex |
| Chris Martin | Executive Director for Children, Families & Education |
| Anthony McKeever | ICS lead and ICB CEO, NHS Mid and South Essex |
| Will Pope | ICS chair / ICB chair, NHS Suffolk, and North East Essex |
| Nick Presmeg | Executive Director for Adult Social Care, ECC |
| Nathan Rowland | Stakeholder Engagement Manager, ECC |
| Dr Danny Showell | Public Health Consultant, ECC |
| Catherine Smith | Mid and South Essex ICS |
| Laura Taylor-Green | Director, NEE Alliance |
| Mike Thorne | ICS chair / ICB chair, NHS Mid and South Essex, |
| Ian Tompkins | Herts and West Essex ICB |
| Richard Watson | Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Strategy and Transformation, SNEE Integrated Care Board |
| Freddey Ayres | Democratic Services Officer, ECC |
| Richard Buttress | Democratic Services Manager, ECC |
| Jasmine Langley | Democratic Services Officer, ECC |

Apologies for absence were received, as set out below:

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| Councillor Tony Ball | Essex County Council |
| Dr Freda Bhatti | GP Representative for North East Essex |
| Peter Fairley | Director for Integration and Partnerships, ECC |
| Ed Garrett | ICS lead and ICB CEO, NHS Suffolk and North East Essex |
| Sam Glover | Chief Executive, Healthwatch |
| Pam Green | Basildon & Brentwood Alliance |
| B J Harrington | Essex Police Chief Constable |
| Gavin Jones | Chief Executive, ECC |
| Clare Kershaw | Director, Education, ECC |
| Lance McCarthy | CEO, The Princess Alexandra Hospital, NHS |
| Councillor Lynda McWilliams | North Alliance Political Representative |
| Councillor Kay Mitchell | Chair of Southend HWB, Southend City Council |
| Paul Scott | |
| Councillor Mike Steel | Essex County Council |
| Deborah Stuart-Angus | Independent Chair, Essex Safeguarding Adult Boards |
| Lucy Wightman | Director, Wellbeing, Public Health, and Communities, ECC |
| Simon Williams | Basildon & Brentwood Alliance |
| Alison Wilson | Mind in West Essex (Voluntary Sector) |

Attendees joining online:

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| Sanjiv Ahluwalia | Anglia Ruskin University |
| William Guy | NHS Mid and South Essex ICB |

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the meeting and progress report on actions arising

It was **RESOLVED** that the Board agreed that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting and noted the updated progress report on the outstanding actions.

3. Questions from the public

There were no public questions.

4. New Delegations to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) (HWB/07/23): William Guy, Laura Taylor-Green and Avni Shah.

The Board received an update and presentation regarding the new delegations to ICBs that came into effect on the 1st April 2023 including: Pharmacy Commissioning, Optometry and Dentistry.

- From 1st April 2023 all ICB received delegation of Pharmacy, Optometry and Dentistry services commissioning responsibility.
- Key Functions included:
 - Contract management and oversight
 - Oversight of regulations (pharmacy)
 - Commissioning of a full range of dental
 - Development of community pharmacy and optometry services
 - Quality assurance and oversight
 - Market Management and Management

The Board emphasised the importance of the work on engagement that would be needed between the ICB's and the various Health and Wellbeing Boards covering the three systems and the desire for regular updates to be brought before the board with a progress report to address the challenges and opportunities raised.

The Board discussed the need to develop further collaboration with the external partners specifically between the three PODs to move away from the current situation of competitiveness and aim towards a common goal.

The board stated that the greatest issue was with dentistry as it was said to be more commercially motivated. It was expressed that there was a need for early intervention, and it was queried if services could be provided by other means with emphasis on areas of deprivation. The board was advised that that there was a toothbrush scheme in Essex and Suffolk and that work was being undertaken with Universities in Essex and Suffolk for training of dentists at a local level.

It was **RESOLVED** that Board members noted the delegation of the POD's to the three ICBs

Action:

To check in with other Primary Care Partner Members for an overview of their positions in relation to POD's.

Action:

To decide how often a full update on the Essex footprint should be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5. Suffolk and North East Essex (SNEE) and Hertfordshire and West Essex (HWE) Joint Forward Plans 2023-2028 (HWB/08/23): Richard Watson, Beverley Flowers, Jo Cripps and Stephen Madden

The Board received and discussed the progress of the ICB Joint Forward Plans and Suffolk and North East Essex ICB Plan.

The Board made an observation that there was no reference to town and parish councils as a third tier as implementors of these strategies.

The Board expressed the importance of the work that could be undertaken to ensure the provision of enough physical facilities for primary care and that that it should be cognisant of general growing population trends, and demographics in particular growth areas.

The Board shared that they would commit to working together on the actions that emerge from the action plans that had been developed at a system and alliance level

It was **RESOLVED** that the Board endorsed and supported the SNEE ICB and HWE ICB Joint Forward Plans.

Action:

The MSE Forward Plan to be circulated once published, and, if needed, a special, virtual meeting will be arranged in June to enable HWB members who would like to, to discuss.

6. Essex Partnership Data Declaration (HWB/09/23): Leighton Hammett

The Board agreed that substantive discussion on this item was to be deferred to a later date.

It was **RESOLVED** that this item was to be added to the forward plan to be considered by the Board at the meeting held in July 2023.

Action:

The police to further engage with partner organisations to increase data declaration sign-up.

Action:

That this item is to be added to the forward plan for the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board to be held in July 2023.

7. Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2022/23 End of Year Report (HWB/10/23): Emma Richardson

The Board received an update on of the performance of the BCF for 2022/23 the key points were as below:

- On track to meet all targets; this was an improvement from the previous year.
- Outperforming targets around long-term supportive needs being met by residential care.
- Officers expressed gratitude to partners for support through BCF in particular the alliances and their work around local 'The improved Better Care Fund' (iBCF) scheme.

The Board acknowledged and commended the update as an improvement from the previous year.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Board endorsed the BCF 2022/23 End of Year Report.

8. Introduction to the Fuller Stocktake Report: Dr Anna Davey

The Board received an introduction of the Fuller Stocktake Report setting out the formation, key themes, key findings, and the vision of primary care in the future.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Board noted the introduction to the Fuller Stocktake Report.

9. Essex Health and Wellbeing Board - Forward plan

It was **RESOLVED** that members noted the forward plan. If members wish to add anything to the forward plan to contact HWB secretariat

10. Date of future meetings

The Board noted that the next meeting will take place at 9:30am on Wednesday 19 July 2023 in the Committee Room 1 at County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH.

11. Any other business

The Chairman shared that there had been a motion brought to full council in relation to Health and GP Services in Essex prior to this meeting.

Action

That the motion that was heard at the meeting of full council proposed, amended and implemented, be sent to members of the Board.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11:45.