

Meeting: Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: Wednesday 25 June 2025 (commencing at 1:00pm)

Membership:

Persons absent are marked with an 'Ap' (apologies given) or 'Ab' (where apologies had not been sent). Substitute members are marked with a 'S.'

Nottinghamshire County Councillors

Dr John Doddy (Chairman)
Glyn Pepper
Ab Daniel Saban
Mrs Sue Saddington
John Wilmott

District and Borough Councillors

Ab David Walters - Ashfield District Council
Darrell Pulk - Bassetlaw District Council
Colin Tideswell - Broxtowe Borough Council
Henry Wheeler - Gedling Borough Council
Angie Jackson - Mansfield District Council
Caroline Ellis - Mansfield District Council (Non-Voting)
Ap Susan Crosby - Newark and Sherwood District Council
S Abby Brennan - Rushcliffe Borough Council
Ap Jonathan Wheeler - Rushcliffe Borough Council

Nottinghamshire County Council Officers

S Katy Ball - Service Director – Strategy, Communications and Integration
Colin Pettigrew - Executive Director – Children and Families
Vivienne Robbins - Director of Public Health and Communities
Ap Melanie Williams - Executive Director – Adult Social Care and Health

NHS and Place-Based Partnership Representatives

Ap Dr Thilan - Mid-Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership
Bartholomeuz
Andria Birch - Bassetlaw Place-Based Partnership

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| | Theresa Hodgkinson | - Mid-Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership |
| Ap | Jill Langridge | - South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership |
| | Victoria McGregor-Riley | - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (Items 1 – 6 only) |
| | Helen Smith | - South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership |

Other Partners

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| Ap | Natalie Baker-Napier | - Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Office |
| | Sarah Collis | - Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire |
| Ap | Prof. Daniel King | - Chair, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Alliance |

Substitute Members

Katy Ball for Melanie Williams
 Councillor Abby Brennan for Councillor Jonathan Wheeler

Officers and colleagues in attendance:

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| Irene Kakoullis | - Head of Service Early Years and Family Hubs |
| James Lavender | - Democratic Services Officer |
| Louise Lester | - Consultant in Public Health |
| Anna Oliver | - Integrated Strategic Commissioning Group Manager |
| Naomi Robinson | - |
| Ellie Story | - Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager |
| Lizzie Winter-Wilson | - Public Health and Commissioning Manager |

1 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR DR JOHN DODDY AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AT FULL COUNCIL ON 22 MAY 2025

The Board noted the appointment by Full Council on 22 May 2025 of Councillor Dr John Doddy as Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board for the 2025/26 municipal year.

2 TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025/26

The membership of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board for the 2025/26 municipal year was noted as follows:

Nottinghamshire County Councillors: Councillors Dr John Doddy, Glyn Pepper, Daniel Saban, Mrs Sue Saddington and John Wilmott.

Nottinghamshire County Council Officers: Colin Pettigrew, Vivienne Robbins and Melanie Williams.

District and Borough Councillors: Councillors Susan Crosby (Newark and Sherwood District Council), Caroline Ellis (Mansfield District Council), Angie Jackson (Mansfield District Council), Darrell Pulk (Bassetlaw District Council), Colin Tideswell (Broxtowe Borough Council), Henry Wheeler (Gedling Borough Council), Jonathan Wheeler (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and David Walters (Ashfield District Council).

NHS and Place-Based Partnership Representatives: Dr Thilan Bartholomeuz, Andria Birch, Theresa Hodgkinson, Jill Langridge, Victoria McGregor-Riley, Helen Smith.

Other Representatives: Natalie Baker-Napier (Office of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner), Professor Daniel King (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Alliance) and Sarah Collis (Healthwatch, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire).

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2025

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 March 2025, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed as a true record.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Natalie Baker-Napier
Dr Thilan Bartholomeuz
Councillor Susan Crosby
Prof. Daniel King
Jill Langridge
Councillor Jonathan Wheeler
Melanie Williams

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

In the interest of transparency, Councillor John Wilmott declared that he was a member of the Patient Participation Group at the Whyburn Medical Practice.

6 INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Vivienne Robbins, Director of Public Health and Communities, introduced the item which highlighted the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board. The following information was highlighted:

- As a collective Board made up of different organisations, the Health and Wellbeing Board's primary purpose was to improve the health of the population of Nottinghamshire and reduce health inequalities. Each organisation were equal partners in the Board and should act as champions,

advocates and leads for the items and strategies brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

- The Board delivered statutory products to inform on public health strategy, namely the Joint Strategy Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).
- In terms of the function of the Board, members had recently agreed some operating principles as part of a Health and Wellbeing Board Compact. The Compact contained a shared agreement and understanding of how the Board should operate and examples of best practice. There were some key principles towards a strategic partnership approach.

7 ANNUAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES REPORT 2024/25 WOMEN'S HEALTH

Vivienne Robbins, Director of Public Health and Communities, and Ellie Story, Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager, introduced the report which was a statutory duty of the Director of Public Health and Communities to produce on an annual basis. Its purpose was to raise awareness of local health issues, highlight areas of specific concern, and to make recommendations for change. The focus of this year's report was women's health in Nottinghamshire. A further workshop on Women's Health would be held immediately after the meeting.

Members provided the following comments and questions on the reports:

- There was an increasing emphasis within healthcare practitioners on endometriosis as a painful and widespread condition affecting many women and that there should be a consistent approach to diagnosis and treatment.
- The Council and the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy used a trauma informed practice approach. Further details of this approach would be covered in the Women's Health Workshop after the meeting.
- The Council had completed a JSNA on Carers as well as a Carers Strategy which had been in place for two years. An annual report on the Carers Strategy was produced in order to track the progress of the strategy. These pieces of work focused on carers who were most women, who were low paid and providing more than 50 hours a week.
- From an adult social care perspective; levels of frailty, falls, dementia, perimenopause, menopause, osteoporosis, Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT), musculoskeletal conditions and mental health amongst women should be a focus for work into women's health. The challenges of current maternity services and women's safety when exercising in the dark winter months were also highlighted. There was an acknowledgement that women in Nottinghamshire were more at risk of colorectal cancers than in other parts of the country, and a hope that further work would be undertaken to understand why this was the case.

- Early intervention, mental health, advertisement of women’s services such as Victim Care and tackling smoking were highlighted as areas for action in terms of improving women’s health. This tied in with the wider “Making Every Contact Count” strategy. Access to healthcare information in different languages was already available in services commissioned by the County Council, the NHS and other partners.
- It was recognised that negative attitudes towards women on social media were having a detrimental impact on women’s health. It was also noted that it was usually women in single families who were taking care of child/ren. There were issues of women who did not drive trying to access leisure centres and gyms due to a lack of connected public transport, particularly in Broxtowe.
- The financial pressures and understaffing of maternity services was a key issue in Nottingham and the surrounding districts and boroughs.
- Information on mental health services for women and men who live on their own should be made more accessible.
- Women from black and minority ethnic groups were underrepresented in the survey work, but interviews with women from those backgrounds were received and informed the content of the report and other work undertaken by the Council’s Public Health Team. It was recognised that black and minority ethnic women were more at risk of maternal death, received later diagnosis of sexual transmitted diseases and other health inequalities.
- Within healthcare services, there was still a pervasive attitude towards women who experienced the symptoms of endometriosis, menopause and anxiety.

RESOLVED (2025/006)

- 1) That actions to support and implement the recommendations of the Director of Public Health and Communities Annual Report be considered.
- 2) That plans for implementing the recommendations of the report by the various organisations represented on the Board, with support from the County Council’s Public Health Team, be taken forward.
- 3) That the approach of using members of the Board to ensure that the report and its recommendations are circulated to wider partners and partnership forums for the widest possible reach be supported.

8 JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY DELIVERY 2024/25 (Q4) AMBITION 1 SPOTLIGHT

9 BEST START STRATEGY 2025-2030

10 NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INFANT FEEDING FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

Lizzie Winter-Wilson, Public Health and Commissioning Manager at Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), introduced the report which provided an overview of activity undertaken in Quarter 4 of 2024/25 to deliver the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) (2022-2026) and focused on opportunities for action from Health and Wellbeing Board members to support mitigation of any issues raised. The report also focused on actions taken to fulfil Ambition 1 (give every child the best chance of maximising their potential) of the JHWS.

Irene Kakoullis, Head of Service for Early Years and Family Hubs, introduced the report which outlined how the Nottinghamshire Best Start Strategy was helping to deliver Ambition 1 of the JHWS.

Helena Cripps, Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager, introduced the report which highlighted the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Infant Feeding Framework for Action, which is a system wide commitment to protect, promote, normalise and support breastfeeding for families across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

Members provided the following comments and questions on the reports:

- Members highlighted the impact of Sure Start Centres in improving the health and education of children during their early years. It was hoped the Family Hubs which had replaced Sure Start Centres would have a same positive impact. It was noted that the previous Cabinet Member for Children and Families had worked with the Children and Families Department to open 18 Family Hubs in locations where they were needed and they were already experienced a high usage. It was hoped that the Council would open more Family Hubs in areas where the need should arise.
- The perinatal pelvic floor health service was a recurrent service commissioned by the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB).
- The work of place-based partnerships and community development workers in the Family Hubs was recognised by the Board.
- More work was needed to reduce the inequalities in maternity support within the county, particularly when it came to accessing services from vulnerable groups such as families who are eligible for free school meals.
- The importance of preparing and supporting mothers during and after pregnancy was just as important as providing children with the best start in life.
- The Best Start Strategy and Infant Feeding Framework for Action were both effective examples of cross-collaboration between Public Health and the Children and Families Department.

- The Family Hubs would be included into the Community Directory in order to drive the public health system ambition of “Making Every Contact Count”. The Community Directory would provide up-to-date information on services, groups and activities across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to enable parents to support their children in having the best start in life.
- Council staff who were involved in working with families would be trained in the Best Start Strategy.
- Breast feeding was lower in areas of deprivation; however every woman’s experience of breast feeding was different with some finding it more challenging than others. It was important for services to recognise the challenges of breastfeeding and support parents accordingly.
- There was a great need to tackle bullying in schools and build resilience in children in order to ensure they have the best start in life. There was also a recognition of the importance of outdoor spaces, libraries and leisure centres for ensuring the best start in life for children.
- Resources in Family Hubs were translated into numerous languages which reflected the population of Nottinghamshire. The Children and Families Department recruited peer supporters and volunteers from target groups to support families from these groups. Within Family Hubs, Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) advisors work with families to help them access benefits which families are entitled to.
- Sure Start Centres, Children’s Centres and Family Hubs were all the same service. The name and functions of this service had changed whenever a new government announced a change of direction within national policy towards children and families.
- The Youth Justice Service (YJS) was making a very positive contribution to the Best Start Strategy through the ‘Turnaround’ programme, which was funded by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) since 2023. The programme provided ring-fenced funding to the YJS work with children and young people on the cusp of offending to support them to turn their lives around. The YJS was tasked with working with at least 226 children over the initial three years of the project but ultimately successfully completed work with 338 children, far outstripping the minimum that was required. This success reflected the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership’s longer-term commitment to prevention of offending, which had seen prior investment in this area, but was also a direct result of the dedicated operational staff who have strived to meet the needs of the children referred into the service.
- Staff within Nottinghamshire YJS had since been recognised in a letter from Alan Webster, a Deputy Director within the MoJ who led on Turnaround, for their “exceptional performance” across the programme. The Deputy Director went onto state, “This is a great achievement, and a reflection of your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to improving outcomes for

children and their families. Your efforts have not only met but exceeded expectations on what the programme can achieve.” The national programme showed that for children who completed interventions, only 7% went on to offend in the following year. In Nottinghamshire, this translated into there being fewer victims and increased safety within the community. Importantly, the committed preventative work continued through the YJS’ ‘My Future Youth Support Programme’ alongside the service’s diversionary offer, which was delivered in close co-ordination with Nottinghamshire Police.

RESOLVED (2025/007)

- 1) That the update provided on the Quarter 4 delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy in 2024/25, attached as Appendix 1, be noted.
- 2) That the presentation on the delivery of the strategic ambition to give every child the best chance of maximising their potential (Ambition 1), attached as Appendix 2, be received.
- 3) That opportunities, escalations, and actions highlighted in paragraphs 12 to 17 of the report be considered and supported by the Board.

RESOLVED (2025/008)

- 1) That the final draft of the new Nottinghamshire Best Start Strategy 2025-2030, attached as Appendix 1, be endorsed.

RESOLVED (2025/009)

- 1) That the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Infant Feeding Framework for Action – Feed Your Way 2025-2030, attached as Appendix 1, be endorsed.

11 BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) 2024/25 QUARTER 4 REPORT

Anna Oliver, Integrated Strategic Commissioning Group Manager, and Naomi Robinson, introduced the report which provided an overview of performance outlined in the Quarter 4 reporting template that was submitted to NHS England on 6 June 2025 and asked the Board to ratify the template and the 2025/25 BCF Plan submitted to NHS England on 31 March 2025. The Board was also asked to approve a proposed amendment to the BCF delegated decision arrangements.

Members provided the following comments and questions on the report:

- There was an increase in the number of people wishing to receive medical care at home and within their communities, therefore work was ongoing to find methods of supporting these people.
- The Council’s Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Strategy used technology to enable people to stay at home and receive care for longer rather than go into a care home. Out of 13,000 adults in Nottinghamshire who received

long-term adult social care support, 50% of them had access to technology for their care.

RESOLVED (2025/010)

- 1) That the completed Nottinghamshire Better Care Fund 2024/25 Quarter 4 reporting template submitted to NHS England on 6 June 2025, attached as Appendix 1, be ratified.
- 2) That the 2025/26 BCF Plan submitted to NHS England on 31 March 2025, attached as Appendix 2, be endorsed
- 3) That the proposal change in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB deputy that can undertake delegated decisions in relation to the BCF, as set out in paragraphs 19 and 20, be approved.

12 WORK PROGRAMME

James Lavender, Democratic Services Officer, and Lizzie Winter-Wilson, Public Health and Commissioning Manager, introduced the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme.

RESOLVED (2025/011)

- 1) That the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme be noted.
- 2) That Board members make any further suggestions for items for inclusion on the work programme for consideration by the Chair and Vice-Chair, in consultation with the relevant officers and partners.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 2:50pm.

CHAIR: