

Combined Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Care Partnership HWB/ICP) Paper – Formal (public)

1. Reference Information

Paper tracking information	
Title:	Surrey Heartland Joint Forward Plan 2025 - limited update
HWBS/Surrey Heartlands IC Strategy priority populations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports geographic populations and individuals experiencing the poorest health outcomes.
Assessed Need including link to HWBS Priority - 1, 2 and/or 3/IC Strategy Ambition 1 and/or 2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to the needs of Surrey people and places including their health behaviour, emotional health and wellbeing, population groups and communities.
HWBS or IC Strategy Outcome(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports all 3 priority outcomes. Supports all 3 Integrated Care Strategy ambitions.
HWBS system capabilities/IC Strategy Ambition 3 enablers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports all Integrated Care Strategy ambitions.
HWBS/IC Strategy Principles for Working with Communities (delete as appropriate):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community capacity building: 'Building trust and relationships' Co-designing: 'Deciding together' Co-producing: 'Delivering together'
Interventions for reducing health inequalities (delete as appropriate):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civic / System Level interventions Service Based interventions
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HWB/ICP meeting date:	19 March 2025
Related HWB/ICP papers:	
Annexes/Appendices:	JFP Update and Draft Preface: Surrey Heartlands ICS Joint Forward Plan (March 2025 refresh)

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2. Executive summary

NHS England (NHSE) published their 25/26 national Priorities and Planning Guidance on 30 January 2025 - reported to the combined Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Care Partnership meeting at the seminar in February.

In addition to the annual operating plans to be submitted to NHS England by 27 March 2025, NHSE asked systems to conduct a '**limited refresh**' of their **Joint Forward Plans** by the end of March, pending a fuller review after the Government publishes its 10-year Health Plan later this year.

Surrey Heartlands ICS has therefore updated the plan by means of a Preface to the current plan, aiming to publish this by 1 April 2025, in line with legislative requirements. The Joint Forward Plan (JFP) supports delivery of the ambitions set out in Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Strategy. Surrey's Health and Wellbeing Strategy drives Ambition 1 (Prevention). The plan also includes delivery milestones for Ambitions 2 (Delivering care differently) and 3 (What we need to deliver these ambitions). 2025 will be Year 3 of this five-year plan. The update (Preface) is presented for a formal opinion from the Health and Wellbeing Board at this meeting of the combined Health and Wellbeing Board/Integrated Care Partnership. The Board's opinion will be published as part of the refresh.

A more comprehensive refresh of the JFP will be undertaken during summer 2025, following publication of the 10-year health plan, the public sector spending review and any additional related guidance.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board/Integrated Care Partnership is asked to **review** the proposed Preface to be added to the existing Joint Forward Plan in March 2025, with the expectation that a further, more substantial update will be developed during the summer and shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board/Integrated Care Partnership.

3.2 The Board is asked to provide a **formal opinion** for inclusion with Preface, in this limited update to Surrey Heartlands Joint Forward Plan.

4. Detail

Joint Forward Plan

The Joint Forward Plan sets out how our local NHS, partner local authorities, voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector, our Communities and Neighbourhoods will deliver the ICS strategy and NHS Long Term Plan commitments for our local population over a five-year timeframe.

Integrated Care Boards are responsible for ensuring the legislative requirements of the Health and Care Act 2022 in relation to system Joint Forward Plans are fulfilled, including publishing an annual update by 1 April each year. A formal opinion from the Health and Wellbeing Board is required for inclusion, as part of this legislation.

At the November 2024 Health and Wellbeing Board/Integrated Care Partnership seminar, Board members were presented with a mid-year review of achievement of the 24/25 JFP metrics, as part of a 'Look back/Look forward' in preparation for next year's plan.

Discussions were also held with a number of local partners, including representatives from Healthwatch Surrey and other VSCE leads, to consider any changes or additions to the 2025 JFP. All these valuable inputs have been noted, for inclusion in the fuller refresh of the plan, later this year. The public-facing summary and supporting 'Fact Files' will also be updated later this summer.

For March 2025, however, NHS England suggested a 'limited refresh' to system JFPs, citing the expected publication of the Government's 10-year health plan and forthcoming multi-year public sector spending review.

A new Preface has been created to fulfil this 'limited refresh'. It shares a summary of insights into our system's developing strategic transformation and delivery plans across partners, alliances and system collaborations. We signal areas of collective work which are being undertaken to address inequalities, inequities and local access which will be included in the later, more substantial update expected to be produced during summer 2025.

The fuller update will be brought the combined Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Care Partnership for review and opinion prior to re-publication, later in 2025.

5. Next steps

- Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board provides a formal opinion
- Surrey Heartlands ICB and Trusts agree addition of the Preface for March 2025
- Joint Forward Plan 2025 Preface and Health and Wellbeing Board formal opinion published on the Surrey Heartlands' website by 1 April 2025.
- Strategic plans re-assessed and reviewed, following publication of the 10 Year Health Plan in Spring 2025, to ensure alignment of local plans with national requirements and direction of travel, and the outcome of the multi-year national spending review.

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