



NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board: March update

1. Announcements

New role for NHS Frimley Chief Executive

NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board's Chief Executive Fiona Edwards has announced she will be taking on a new role in the North East having been appointed to the role of NHS England Regional Director - North East and Yorkshire.

Sam Burrows has been appointed as Interim Chief Executive Officer for NHS Frimley ICB. Sam will be leading the continuing development of the system, as we enter an important year for our public services.

Fiona will be working with Sam on a transition during March as they both take up their new roles from 1st April 2025.

Read the full announcement on the [Frimley Health and Care website](#).

2. Key meetings and papers

The next meeting in public of the Board of NHS Frimley will be held between 11.30am and 12.30pm on Tuesday, 18 March, 2025.

[Meeting papers](#) will be posted to our website ahead of the meeting.

A recording of our latest Board meeting in public, which took place on Tuesday, 21 January, 2025, you can view the recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFIXZ1iyJVU>

3. Current challenges and opportunities

NHS Frimley continues to work on ensuring a 24/25 financial outturn that is on plan and is in the final stages of the 25/26 planning process. The Frimley New Hospital programme presents an opportunity to accelerate thinking on the NHS three strategic shifts and the role services closer to home can support hospital demand pressures.

4. News from across the Frimley Health and Care System

Reconnect, Reset, Rebuild engagement update – NHS Frimley

We are now in phase two of the Reconnect, Reset, Rebuild programme. Since the launch of the programme in November we have seen fantastic progress so far.

Including:

- 190 individuals have actively contributed across 15 dynamic stakeholder sessions, bringing diverse insights and perspectives to the table.
- Over 60 organisations from across our Integrated Care System have engaged in these sessions, demonstrating a strong collective commitment to shaping the future of health and care.
- 1,000 people will be involved in conversations about their wellbeing and the future of health and care services thanks to funding that is supporting 20 community, charity and voluntary sector organisations to connect with our local communities.

This phase of the engagement programme is focusing on two main elements:

- Community groups actively out and about holding their conversations throughout February.
- Further bespoke stakeholder sessions on request.

The final feedback from stakeholders and community groups will be with us by the end of February to enable us to bring together the findings during March.

We are working on plans to bring all the information together from various activity. We will ensure that this is shared widely across the system and presented in a variety of formats to help encourage conversations which support a wide range of system decision-making.

For more information on all of the groups that have received funding, visit:

[Community Engagement Fund 2024 | Frimley Health and Care.](#)

Innovation Fund – Bracknell Forest

NHS Frimley working with our local authority partners is an active supporter of Innovation from voluntary groups across our system. Below is an example of the use of Innovation Funding in Bracknell.

The Innovation Fund aimed to give communities the opportunity, support and courage to develop and implement innovative ideas that could have a big impact on the health and wellbeing of local people.

Last year, Bracknell Forest Council, in partnership with NHS Frimley offered 10 local projects up to £20,000 to support Bracknell Forest residents who were classed as clinically vulnerable during the pandemic and those closest to them who continued to face challenges. We were also looking for projects that could enhance the health and wellbeing of other vulnerable members of our communities and those closest to them.

On 21 January 2025, several project leads came together in conjunction with the Bracknell Forest Older People's Consortium, to celebrate their work and share their insights. It was a very moving and powerful event, to hear such a variety of ways the funding had been used to help various disadvantaged communities and people. It ranged from Berks and Bucks FA Walking Football for men with motor neurone disease (MND), to Berkshire Birds of Prey a small, family-run business that takes beautiful birds of prey to schools and care homes.

The next steps include focusing on supporting the projects to thrive through their connection with the local voluntary sector infrastructure organisation - Involve Voluntary Services. There is also continued partnership working with Bracknell Forest Council and NHS Frimley as we develop priorities for the year ahead. No current plans for further funding but recent engagement work has really highlighted the importance of supporting our local communities, so there will likely be more opportunities like this in the future.

[Read more about the Innovation Fund on the Frimley Health and Care website.](#)

Frimley Health 2030 – draft strategy

Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust has developed a [final draft](#) of its five-year strategy, Frimley Health 2030, aimed at delivering compassionate, effective, and modern healthcare, enhancing patient experiences, and reshaping how healthcare is delivered.

The launch of the Frimley Health 2030 draft strategy comes at a time when the NHS faces significant challenges, including long waiting lists and staffing shortages. However, the trust has a strong reputation for delivering results despite these pressures. With 13,500 dedicated staff members, Frimley Health is determined to make meaningful changes that put our patients and our people at the heart of its mission.

[To find out more, including how to provide feedback on the draft strategy, visit the Frimley Health website.](#)

New £45m NHS mental health unit supporting adults across Surrey and North East Hampshire opens

A new state-of-the-art £45m NHS adult mental health inpatient service that will deliver treatment and care in a safe and therapeutic environment has opened in Chertsey, Surrey.

Silverwood is run by Surrey and Borders NHS Foundation Trust and has 64 ensuite bedrooms across four adult mental health wards. It has been designed in partnership with people who have experience of using mental health services and will support adults across Surrey and North East Hampshire.

Silverwood is on the St Peter's Hospital campus and replaces an outdated mental health unit that was demolished in 2022. The build has been funded under a government scheme to eradicate dormitory accommodation from mental health facilities.

[Visit Surrey and Borders website to find out more about this fantastic new facility.](#)