

**WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEINGBOARD**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 1.00 pm**  
**Venue: Council Chamber, The Forum, Towcester**

Present:

Councillor Matthew Golby (Chair)	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, West Northamptonshire Council
Carella Davies	Chief Executive, Daventry Volunteer Centre
Cllr Fiona Baker,	Cabinet Member, Childrens and Families, West Northants Council
Cllr Jonathan Nunn	Leader, West Northants Council
Cllr Wendy Randall	Opposition Leader, West Northants Council
Colin Smith	Chief Executive, LMC
Dr David Smart,	Chair Northampton Health and Wellbeing Forum
Miranda Wixon	Chair VCSE Assembly
Naomi Eisenstadt	Chair, NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board
Polly Grimmett	Director of Strategy, Northampton General Hospital
Robin Porter via Teams	Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Northants Fire and Rescue
Sally Burns	Director of Public Health, West Northants Council
Stuart Lackenby	Deputy Chief Executive, West Northants Council
Toby Sanders	Chief Executive, NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board
Wendy Patel via Teams	Healthwatch Northamptonshire

Also, Present

Alex Copeland, Chief Executive, Hope Centre  
 Ashley LeDuc, Assistant Director, Commissioning and Quality, West Northants Council  
 Cheryl Bird, Health and Wellbeing Board Business Manager  
 Jo Barrett, Assistant Director Housing and Communities, West Northants Council  
 Julie Curtis – Via Teams, Assistant Director PLACE Development, West Northants Council  
 Michael Hurt, Better Care Fund Service Manager, West Northants Council  
 Peter Doveston, Northants Streets Campaign  
 Rhosyn Harris, Consultant in Public Health, West Northants Council  
 Sarah Stansfield, Chief Finance Officer, NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board

44/23 Apologies

Anna Earnshaw, Chief Executive, West Northants Council  
 David Maher, Deputy Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

Dr Andy Rathborne, Primary Care Network  
Dr Philip Stevens, GP, Chair Daventry and South Northants GP Locality  
Dr Santiago Dargallonieto, Chair, Northampton GP Locality  
Heidi Smoult, Chief Executive, Northampton General Hospital  
Michael Jones, Divisional Director, EMAS  
Professor Jacqueline Parkes, Professor in Applied Mental Health, University of Northampton  
Rebecca Wilshire, Director of Childrens Services, West Northants Council  
Russell Rolph, Chief Executive, Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire

#### 45/23 Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting

A representative from Northants Streets Campaign addressed the Board to highlight how exercise can reduce serious illness, such as type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, stroke and cancers. This in turn would reduce the pressure on health and social care services. The representative also noted that evidence has shown that incorporating exercise into people's daily lives is key to improving mental health and wellbeing. Encouraging active travel such as cycling helps to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality, with evidence showing that adding cycle lanes into town centres has increased cycling.

The Director of Public Health advised that the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWBS), is focusing on the wider determinants of health and prevention to create an environment where residents can live as healthy as possible. There are a number of strategies that underpin the JHWBS including active travel plans and active travel strategy. One of the Live Your Best Life ambitions contained within the strategy discusses getting residents more active.

#### 46/23 Declaration of members' interests

None received.

#### 47/23 Minutes and actions from the previous meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

##### **RESOLVED that:**

- **The minutes from the previous meetings held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May were agreed as an accurate record.**
- **All actions from the previous meeting have been completed.**

#### 48/23 NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board Joint Capital Resource Plan

The Chief Finance Officer, ICB presented the NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board Joint Capital Resource Plan (JCRP) and highlighted the following:

- The JCRP is a new statutory arrangement following implementation of the Health and Care Act 2022 and is an operational plan for the healthcare system, outlining how local NHS organisations will spend their capital allocation for 2023/2024.
- The majority of the allocations come from internally generated capital from NHS organisations and awards from NHS England national programme funds.
- The majority of the internal capital is being spent on business as usual, maintenance and estates. This will include refresh of medical equipment over the next 5 years, due to significant aging with some of the medical equipment.

- There are 2 national awards coming into the health system over the next few years:
  - Digital improvements and set up of an electronic patient record for NGH.
  - Planning for the development of community diagnostic centres.

The Chief Executive ICB noted the ICB are completing a Estates Strategy, which will take into consideration the local population growth with the quality of the existing NHS estates, capacity, primary care facilities, community healthcare facilities and whether there are sufficient modern premises to deliver health services from. Community diagnostics will be a vital component of improving capacity across the county and reducing waiting times.

**RESOLVED that:**

- **The NHS Estates Strategy to come to a future Board meeting.**
- **The board note the planned expenditure and funding set out in the report.**

49/23 Voluntary Sector Spotlight – Hope Centre

The Chief Executive, Hope Centre gave an overview of the work completed by the Hope Centre and highlighted the following:

- The Hope Centre is a charity working across the whole of Northamptonshire but primarily based in West Northamptonshire providing:
  - Crisis support to the homeless which rebuilds lives and helps those in need to access and maintain secure accommodation.
  - Food and training to members of the community who are hungry and unable to support themselves or their family.
  - Community outreach which empowers personal development, supports independent living and prevents homelessness.
- The Hope Centre is a registered charity, with an enterprise CIC enabling commercial work to be completed to support the charity. There are separate Boards for the Charity and CIC.
- Hope Enterprise CIC delivers a food larder network consisting of 12 food larders across West Northamptonshire providing crisis food to those most in need. These larders are supporting approximately 4000 people every week. The Food Larders are also trying to create community welfare hubs to build trust and offer wrap around services, with 2 full time debt/finance advisors provided by community Law Services working in the food larders.
- For 2022/2023 the Hope Centre had a turnover of approximately £1 million, as well as approximately £1 million received in food donations. There are approximately 400 volunteers, with 50-60 being full time with lived experiences.
- Hand up is a day centre looking after the homeless, sofa surfers, sex workers and those in temporary accommodation. Approximately 50-60 people come into the service every day to receive support, meals and showers.
- One of the aims of the Hope Centre is to bring partners together to make a sustainable change for those who are homeless and move out of homelessness, by treating the underlying issues of people who are homeless to get them off the street and supported. This includes providing drug and alcohol support, a mental health nurse, GPs and dentists.
- The Hope Centre works closely with housing teams, reviewing the Homeless Strategy and having a representative sitting on the Housing Board.
- The Warm Space Café is open Monday to Friday providing a free breakfast and a warm space targeting those in social isolation, on low incomes and struggling.
- Those attending the Hope Centre suffer from major health inequalities with average life expectancy of approximately 50 years. A Homeless life expectancy is approximately 35/36 years.

- The Hope Centre provide over 50 training courses a week, ranging from physical, emotional social wellbeing to employability, debt and finance, with over 30 peer mentors and paid staff through lived experience.
- The Hope Centre have been commissioned by Public Health to deliver Cook Grow Eat programme in deprived communities to teach about food, working with community champions, along with providing toothbrushes and toothpaste across deprived communities as part of the Oral Health work.
- The Hope Centre also undertakes Household Support Fund function delivering over 300k vouchers to those in greatest need.
- The Community Training Partnership will deliver free courses to front line workers.
- The Hope Centre host the Sustainable Food Place, which is collective of like-minded individuals and organisations who want to reduce food waste and ensure we can get food to people living in hardship.
- The Chief Executive, Hope Centre sits on the Five Wells Board, looking at how we can reintegrate prisoners and reduce the likelihood of them ending on the street following release.
- The Hope Centre also attend the Mental Health Collaboration to ensure the join up of community services for those suffering with poor mental health.
- Currently the biggest challenge is the increased numbers of those needing help, if support can be provided earlier it might prevent an escalation into crisis.
- Providing support for those in rural areas is currently a real challenge, the Hope Centre have a network of volunteers who are able to go out to those needing help, providing food etc.

**RESOLVED that the Board noted the update.**

### 50/23 Live your best life domains: Housing that is affordable, safe, and secure in places that are clean and green

The Live Your Best Life thematic theme for this meeting is Housing that is affordable, safe, and secure in places that are clean and green.

#### Disabled Facilities Grants

The Assistant Director for Housing and Communities presented to the board the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFGs) Annual Report 2022/2023.

- DFG's are mandatory grant of up to £30k for adaptations in residential properties to enable people to stay independent for longer and at home for longer. West Northants Council (WNC) can also provide a discretionary element of £15k for an individual case.
- The WNC DFG budget for 2022/2023 was £2.5 million, the same as 2011/2022, which is a challenge as demand remains high and construction works are increasing.
- It can take a few months for a DFG to be delivered, as there is an application process, occupational therapists specify the works and appoint a contractor. At the end of the financial year there are commitments where works are approved but will not be completed until the next financial year.
- During 2022/2023 397 mandatory grants and 61 discretionary grants were approved and completed.
- DFG spend is higher in rural areas with an aging population, with Rural West Local Area Partnership (LAP) having double the number of DFGs compared to other LAP areas across West Northamptonshire.
- DFGs are for all ages, being significantly but not exclusively linked to the older population.

## WNC Housing Function

The Assistant Director for Housing and Communities gave an overview of WNC Housing function and highlighted the following:

- The housing function sits within the Communities and Opportunities directorate of WNC, working closely with colleagues in regulatory services, adult social care and public health.
- The Communities and Opportunities Directorate Service Plan has mapped where the different functions within the team align to WNC Corporate plan and Live Your Best Life ambitions.
- The Housing and Communities team are responsible for community safety engagement and resettlement, housing solutions, housing strategy and partnerships, private sector housing.
- Housing solutions includes providing advice and assistance to customers who are threatened with or have become homeless as well as maintaining the WNC Housing Register where residents can apply to access social housing. Work is also taking place to reduce the number of rough sleepers by providing appropriate housing solutions and support.
- The key Priorities for the Housing Solution Service are to:
  - Bring together the legacy teams for the previous district and borough councils into one single team.
  - Re-shape how we provide temporary accommodation when a household is homeless. As homeless levels are increasing the cost of the provision is increasing, so we need to re-shape how we deliver this provision with more cost-effective solutions for temporary accommodation. A service health check has been commissioned around WNC statutory homeless service, with the aim to shift to a prevention approach rather than dealing with households at crisis point.
  - Work is taking place on implementing a single allocations housing scheme to replace the 3 schemes from the legacy district and borough councils. This is currently out to consultation. This will help us award a higher priority to households as part of the prevention stage.
  - Redesign and commission a new Rough Sleeper Pathway.
- There is a WNC Housing Strategy which is an overarching document that aligns with other strategies such as the JHWBS, work is taking place with partners to deliver work sitting under the sub strategies. There is a Housing Partnership Board which drives delivery of the Housing Strategy.
- WNC owns approximately 12k homes, with the management of these outsourced to Northamptonshire Partnership Homes (NPH). Damp mould and condensation is a big issue in social housing and is driving some of the social housing regulatory changes. WNC is working with NPH to develop more affordable housing which will include the consideration of community spaces. The Housing Strategy and Partnership Team also work with housing associations.
- Priorities for the Housing Strategy and Partnership are to develop a WNC Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy, remodelling and commissioning a new single homeless rough sleeper pathway, to push for an increase in the provision of affordable housing which is challenging with the increased construction costs.
- WNC have an active property acquisition programme to provide a cost-effective alternative to expensive nightly-paid temporary accommodation as well as delivering properties for families from Ukraine and Afghanistan through the Local Authority Housing Fund programme.
- The Private Sector Housing Team oversee housing enforcement where action is taken against private landlords who are not meeting the required standards.

- The travellers site in Ecton Lane is owned by WNC, who have received significant capital to invest in this site over the next 2 years. NPH manage the site on behalf of WNC and are working with residents to inform them of the improvement plan.
- A working group has been created in response to public concerns around shared housing and Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs). Discussing with local businesses, Landlords Forum, letting agents, University of Northampton (UoN) and local residents their concerns regarding HMOs. Following this consultation an action plan was presented to WNC Cabinet on 11<sup>th</sup> July with the key themes of improving issues with litter and rubbish, reviewing policies for HMOs and to drive up the standards by reviewing how WNC issue HMO licences. Article 4 is applied when a property owner wants to convert a family house into a HMO and there are certain restrictions on the concentration of HMOs in an area. HMO's are mapped by wards with the top wards being Abington & Phippsville, Castle and St George.
- There are strict conditions around the use of S106 monies, which has to be related to a specific development. The community infrastructure levy represents an opportunity for development of community spaces.
- WNC has commissioned a housing stock condition survey this year, which will take a representative sample of all tenures, owner occupied and private rented. Results from this survey is expected at the end of 2023, and will be used to inform future service delivery.
- There is a challenge for social housing landlords around net zero targets and wider stock improvements.

### Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

The Assistant Director Housing and Communities gave an overview of findings from the Homeless Review and highlighted the following:

- WNC has a statutory duty to review homelessness in their area every 5 years. Deadline for the Homelessness Review and for adoption of a new Homelessness and Rough Sleepers strategy is by April 2024.
- 4951 approaches were made to the Housing Options Service in 2022/23, an increase of 14% on the previous year.
- Between April – December 2022, 576 calls, an average of 58 calls per month, were made to the Out of Hours (OOH) team, mainly from within Northampton. Customers who approach the service after 4pm are signposted to the OOH team.
- The main reasons for people presenting as homeless was friends and family asking them to leave, ending of assured short hold tenancy, domestic abuse, ending of supported housing.
- West Northants have lower levels of prevention than regional and national averages, but a higher level of relief. More emphasis needed on earlier intervention to avoid dealing with people at crisis point.
- There were 483 main duty acceptances in 2022/23, compared to 321 in 2021/2022. Despite current challenges, the service improved performance around prevention and relief outcomes, with 896 successful outcomes in 2022/23 compared to 870 in 2021/22.
- Homeless acceptances increased by 162 (50 %) while the number of successful prevention and relief outcomes also increased, demonstrating increased demand, year on year.
- Of applicants who applied during 2022/23, over two-thirds (69%) owed a prevention duty, were single adults/ households without dependent children, as were two thirds (66%) owed a relief duty. WNC only has a statutory duty to assist single adults if they have a high level of vulnerability (priority need). Almost a quarter of all approaches originate within Northampton Central LAP (23% in 2021/22 and 25% in 2022/23). Followed by Northampton East, generating 13% of approaches in 2021/22 and 11% in 2022/2023.

Northampton North LAP generating 12% of approaches in 2021/22, rising to 16% in 2022/23. Showing that most of the need is coming from more deprived areas.

- Every year WNC complete a rough sleeping annual snapshot supported by voluntary and statutory partners. In November 2022 there was a count of 25 rough sleepers which was an increase from the previous year. Also as the cost of living starts to take effect numbers of rough sleeping have started to increase with an average of 15 a night.
- Department for Leveling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) require us to identify those most likely to be unable to sustain a tenancy over the short-medium term, known as the Target Priority Group (TPG). The definition includes individuals who have been seen sleeping rough in two or more years out of the last three, and in two or more months out of the last 12, as well as those who have made historical presentations.
- Within our current TPG cohort:
  - 16% are female, all aged 25+
  - Majority of men are in the 25-49 year age group
  - Most are British; with a small proportion are EU/ non-EU nationals.
- WNC and the Hope Centre work with International Lighthouse to try and get foreign nationals to their relevant embassy to get papers sorted to apply for settled status.
- The Housing and Communities Team and Public Health jointly commissioned PPL to conduct research covering an independent assessment of the need of people sleeping rough, including the current customer journey, existing accommodation and support.
- The PPL research reviewed estimated current need for accommodation-based or housing-related support for people at risk of, or experiencing, rough sleeping. The current supply within the single homelessness pathway
- Results from the needs assessment identified the following as working well:
  - 'Strong operational and multi-agency support taking place at an individual level within the pathway'
  - Targeted approaches - NHTT and dedicated Homelessness Mental Health Practitioner
  - Street Services Team work closely with NHTT to offer collaborative, assertive outreach to start and maintain engagement with health and social care.
  - Dedicated staff working on discharge and support transition between hospital, prison and care leaver transitions
- With the needs assessment identifying the following as needing improvement:
  - Better move on
  - Unmet need and gaps in support provision
  - Better access to advice, prevention and assessment, generally
  - Improved access to the PRS
  - Improved oversight of accommodation and support, across provision
  - 'Treatment first' approach remains prevalent. We continue to talk about 'tenancy/ housing readiness'. Training on Housing Led/ Housing First approach needed.

The Board discussed the update and the following was noted:

- Statutory services complete the most work with vulnerable adults within the Northampton Central LAP area.
- The draft needs assessment will be shared with the Board once the additional data is included.
- Service user engagement was positive about care received from the acute trusts and there is a need to look at whether presentations at the acutes could have been avoided.
- There are currently 7 sites in Northampton and 1 in Towcester undergoing air quality monitoring, all being in high traffic areas. Results from this monitoring could be mapped against numbers of respiratory illness.
- During the JHWBS engagement process with communities the main issue raised is the state of their environment. There is a Cleaner Communities Campaign being completed by the Environmental Enforcement Teams.

- There is a need to ensure the public know how to alert WNC of illegal HMOs and how community spaces can be developed to tackle isolation. Northamptonshire has seen a huge growth in housing, which has not been matched by the growth in community spaces.
- The WNC Local Plan is being refreshed setting policy around planning, with a workshop being held on architectural design to highlight examples of good practice. The Planning Policy Team are already looking at incorporating Building Healthy Life into the local plan.
- NPH has an apprenticeship programme and the contractors they use also have apprenticeships programmes. Anchor institutions include large housing providers and we can ask what apprenticeship opportunities are being offered to residents in the most deprived communities to ensure there is equity of access.
- Grand Union Housing presented at the National Chartered Institute of Housing conference on how housing associations and registered providers can contribute towards health and wellbeing.

**RESOLVED that:**

- **Feedback from the Homelessness Needs Assessment to be circulated to the group.**
- **Slides from the thematic item to be circulated to the group.**

51/23 Better Care Fund

The Assistant Director Commissioning and Performance gave an overview of the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2023-2025 and highlighted the following:

- The BCF Plan 2023-2025 meets all the national conditions.
- The value of the BCF scheme for 2023/2024 is £54 million, with the key changes in the schemes being:
  - Addition of the Adult Social Care Discharge fund to commission solutions which demonstrate better value for money and support people to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible.
  - 3 year funding to focus on admission avoidance and prevention services.
  - Ageing Well scheme has been included to provide more focus on transformation services to reduce hospital admissions.
- The Integrated Care Across Northamptonshire (iCAN) programme has been removed from the BCF schemes and is now business as usual focusing on out of hospital services.
- A BCF Executive Board has been introduced which includes senior representatives from WNC, ICB and NHFT to provide oversight of the BCF schemes.
- There will be groups focusing on data to ensure accurate and timely reporting against BCF metrics.
- A BCF Delivery Board will look at the schemes associated with the BCF, to provide an opportunity to consider additional schemes that could drive integration of services.

The Board discussed the update and the following was noted:

- The BCF Executive Board will provide an opportunity for shape and structure around the BCF schemes. In section 5 of the draft Terms of Reference for the BCF Executive Board it discusses the forum being a single commissioning body for West Northamptonshire. It is advisable for collaborative working to be acknowledged. Northamptonshire ICB and WNC are the 2 main organisations within the BCF and there needs to be recognition of the roles their representatives will have.
- Northamptonshire ICB are keen to have additional input into this BCF Executive Board rather than reviewing just financial details, particularly with clinical and medical routes.



- There is a need to ensure the BCF receive influence from the Peoples Board as the VCSE sector can play an increased role in delivery of the BCF schemes, particularly in rural communities.
- The golden thread for BCF plans in future years is to align the 5YFP and JHWBS on a county footprint as well as a PLACE and community footprint.

The Assistant Director for Commissioning and Performance responded to the feedback and noted:

- Attendees at the inaugural BCF Executive Board meeting were tasked with identifying commissioners and additional members to join the Board.
- The new governance arrangements will start to drive the pooled budget arrangements and integration of services. A quarterly report will come to this Board highlighting the effectiveness of existing schemes, with the BCF end of year report providing context in overall effectiveness of the BCF schemes.
- Representatives from primary care will be invited sit on the BCF Executive Board, Primary Care Networks have already been involved in the work of the Executive Board. GPs are heavily engaged with the Aging Well program, and the Aging Well teams will work closely with the LAPs.

**RESOLVED that the Board:**

- a) Noted delegated authority to submit the plan before board approval was provided by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board in an email dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**
- b) Noted that detailed plans have been submitted to NHS England for moderation.**
- c) Noted that West Northamptonshire Council have undertaken a review of the schemes to align the BCF to the Aging Well programme, and this has been agreed by the Northamptonshire ICB.**
- d) Noted that additional funding to support hospital discharge has been included within the planning template. Details of the schemes are also included.**
- e) Agreed the new BCF governance**

52/23 Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Director of Public Health presented to the Board the draft JHWBS and highlighted the following:

- Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory duty to produce a JHWBS to highlight priorities and how will work with partners to reduce inequalities in their local area.
- If the Board agrees the draft JHWBS it will be go out for 6 weeks public consultation. Feedback from this consultation will be incorporated into the final JHWBS which will be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting.
- The JHWBS sits underneath the Integrated Care Northamptonshire Strategy and aligns to the 5YFP.
- The JHWBS also aligns to the Live Your Best Life ambitions and sets out how these can be delivered at a PLACE level.
- The following sections are included in the JHWBS:
  - Summary page,
  - Foreword by the Chair,
  - Vision which aligns with the vision of the ICN Strategy.
  - Describing what makes us healthy and happy, working on wider determinants of health, 10 keys for happiness.
  - Discuss JSNA, health inequalities work and assets referred to in the Strategy.
  - Approach on tackling health inequalities, taking an evidence based approach working at a PLACE level, through the Health and Wellbeing Forums (HWBFs) and LAPs. Highlighting co-production with the voluntary and community sectors.

- Listing each of the ambitions, providing an introduction, where we are now, what we want to achieve, what are the inequalities of services and how are we going to measure progress. This will also include what are we going to measure, how will we measure.
- The final page introduces members of the Board.
- The strategy will be delivered in partnership using the resources available.
- The draft Strategy has been presented to the Town and Parish Councils, residents forums, HWBFs and LAPs.

The Board discussed the update and the following was noted:

- Data on exclusions needs to include ethnicity and gender indicators.
- Detailed scorecards will sit behind the Live Your Best Life ambitions.
- This Board needs to monitor progress towards the Live Your Best Life ambition outcomes.
- Strategy Directors across the system should meet on a monthly basis review strategies and how they can align to the JHWBS.

**RESOLVED that the Board agree the draft Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for wider consultation with partners, stakeholders, communities and residents.**

#### 53/23 Local Area Partnership Re-designation

The Chair presented a proposal for the LAP names to change from numbers to a name that will be recognisable to residents, whilst not making communities feeling excluded.

- Daventry and South Northants LAPs to be named:
  - DSN1 Rural North
  - DSN2 Rural West
  - DSN3 Rural South
  - DSN4 Rural East
- Northampton LAP will be named:
  - N1 Northampton East
  - N2 Northampton South
  - N3 Northampton West
  - N4 Northampton Central
  - N5 Northampton North

**RESOLVED that the Board agreed to the proposal.**

#### 54/23 Any Other Business

The Chief Executive NHS Northamptonshire ICB, advised there is a national and local shortage of access for NHS dental treatments. The ICB has taken on responsibility for commissioning NHS Dental services and in recent months 3 dental practices in Northamptonshire have taken the decision to stop offering NHS services. The ICB Dental Team are working with dental practices in the surrounding area of these practices to ask for expression of interest from dental practices for capacity to take on additional NHS patients. There has been a good response and soon patients at the affected practices will be written to with information on the practices that are taking on additional patients.

The Chief Executive, NHS Northamptonshire advised there has been national media coverage around changes in mental health provision where the police will not routinely attend mental health incidents and looking for other health partners to fill this gap. In

Northamptonshire, NHFT have been working closely with Northants Police through the Mental Health Learning Disability Autism Collaborative to have a number of service provisions to ensure those suffering a mental crisis will be attended to and supported

**RESOLVED that an update on the collaboration work between NHFT and Northants Police to come to a future Board meeting.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.20 pm.