

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday 29 October 2025.

Present: Cllr Lisa Evans (Chair), Fiona Adamson Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Clare Besford, Dr Deepak Dwarakanath, Tracey Carter, Cllr Lynn Hall, Majella McCarthy, Carolyn Nice, Sarah Bowman Abouna, Karen Hawkins, Tracy Bushnall (Sub for Lucy Owens), Peter Smith, Sean Mayo (Sub for Jamie Todd)

Officers: Michael Henderson, Stacie Thursby, Sid Wong

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Jack Miller, Matt Storey, Lucy Owens, Jamie Todd

1 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2 **Care and Health Winter Plan Update**

The Board received a comprehensive update on Winter Planning across Adult Social Care, Public Health, NHS partners and the wider system.

Challenges highlighted included seasonal illness, Covid circulation, capacity pressures, and workforce resilience across sectors.

The update covered emergency planning, infectious disease surveillance, vaccination uptake, market capacity, Home First, virtual frailty pathways, community resilience initiatives, and warm spaces provision.

Members raised issues about reduced flu vaccination uptake compared to the previous winter, the national and regional picture, and the importance of improving vaccination coverage among health and social care staff.

The Board discussed COVID 19 vaccination delivery in Stockton including access routes, recent supply issues, communication activity and local engagement between partners. Members noted that a supplementary briefing note would be circulated to the Board on this issue and would include comparative uptake data.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

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8 Health and Wellbeing Board – Forward Plan/Deep Dive Sessions

The Board considered the proposed forward plan for future deep-dive sessions aligned to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Members were informed that the programme would support shared understanding of priority areas.

RESOLVED that the plan be noted