

Slough Borough Council

Report To: Slough Health and Well-being Board

Date: Tuesday 17 June 2025

Subject: NHS Frimley Integrated care Board Update

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Ward(s): All

Exempt: NO

Appendices: Letter to partners from Priya Singh, Chair of NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board

1. Summary and Recommendations

1.1 This report sets out an update for NHS Frimley's Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Please indicate which priority in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, [Slough Wellbeing Strategy 2020 – 2025](#), your report links to:

Priority 1 – Starting Well	Priority 2 - Integration	Priority 3 – Strong, Health and Attractive Neighbourhoods	Priority 4 – Workplace Health

Please note in this case, this is not applicable.

This report links to all priorities within the strategy.

1.2 Consideration:

- Information
- Discussion
- Decision
- Endorsement

Recommendations:

1.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- (a) Note the update provided by NHS Frimley ICB.

2. Report

Introductory paragraph

2.1 Announcements

- 2.1.1 Over recent weeks, NHS Frimley, along with all ICBs across the country, has been responding to national changes shaping the future of Integrated Care Boards. The recently released “Model ICB Blueprint” from NHS England sets a clear direction - focusing our role on improving population health, reducing inequalities and moving to a “strategic commissioning” way of working.
- 2.1.2 Across our region, plans are forming which would reduce the number of ICBs in the South East from six to four. This includes a proposal to bring together the NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West ICB population with Berkshire East, currently served by us at NHS Frimley. We are also working with colleagues in Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB and Surrey Heartlands ICB to consider proposals for the realignment of current Frimley boundaries to mirror those of emerging devolution proposals for local government.
- 2.1.3 Given the scale of change underway for all ICBs and NHS England, we are continuing to work with partners to explore how we can deliver services more efficiently at scale - cutting duplication and improving quality. This is a pivotal moment to shape a stronger, more collaborative future for our system and we will be seeking the ongoing views and involvement of our partners to help us get these changes right. We will continue to provide further updates in this newsletter.
- 2.1.4 During this time of change, it is critical that we do not lose sight of what we are here to do and the populations which we serve. We are proud of the important work which our teams continue to deliver, which improve quality, access and taxpayer value for the residents of the Frimley geography.

2.2 Current challenges and opportunities

- 2.2.1 **Carers as a priority group** - during this time of change, it is critical that we do not lose sight of what we are here to do and the populations which we serve. We are proud of the important work which our teams continue to deliver, which improve quality, access and taxpayer value for the residents of the Frimley geography.
- 2.2.2 Carers who provide unpaid care for someone who depends on them are considered a priority group for NHS Frimley ICB, recognising that carers keep people well and out of hospital but that they themselves also can have health challenges as a result of their caring role. The first face-to-face Frimley Health and Care Carers Steering group was held on Monday, 19 May. The importance of carers’ health was discussed, and presentations were made on the support offers available. The meeting provides an opportunity for carers and professionals across Frimley to work towards co-producing good services and community offers for all carers across the system. It also provided space to share knowledge about what life is like for carers, showcase what works well for carers to keep them well and an opportunity to network.



2.2.3 Carers Week 2025 takes place from Monday 9th June to Sunday 15th June 2025. Throughout the week, events, campaigns, and activities will be organised in community settings to honour carers and provide them with practical advice and emotional support.

2.3 News from across the Frimley Health and Care System

- 2.3.1 **Hundreds turn out for heart screenings** - the Wexham cardiology team screened more than 250 patients in a single day this month at a Your Heart Matters health event in Slough. In collaboration with medical device company Medtronic and two heart valve charities, the team hopped aboard a specially adapted truck to offer free heart health checks to the local community.
- 2.3.2 People aged 50 and over were invited for a heart check-up with the Frimley Health team, including three cardiology consultants, two registrars and two specialist nurses. After filling out a medical history questionnaire, the patients were given a free consultation and, in some cases, an echocardiogram if any issues were identified.
- 2.3.3 The event saw a total of 256 people screened, with 15 echocardiograms completed showing moderate to critical issues in eight of those patients. Any patients requiring further investigation or treatment were referred via their GP for a follow-up appointment at Wexham Park Hospital. Slough MP Tan Dhesi and some of the local media came along to see the team in action. BBC TV London reported on the success of the event and interviewed Dr Navin Chandra, Consultant Cardiologist, who talked about the importance of raising awareness of heart valve disease.
- 2.3.4 **Staff join campaign against knife crime** - Nine doctors and nurses from Wexham Park Hospital have been helping over 200 students from Langley College to learn about the impacts of knife crime, and how they can help potentially save a life by learning some essential skills.
- 2.3.5 The initiative was driven by Dr Hussain Mahmood, a medical registrar at Wexham Park. Dr Mahmood collaborated with the Slough Youth Action community group, liaised with local police, and involved staff. Dr Mahmood said: "As a doctor who was born and raised in Slough, I feel a sense of responsibility to address all issues that face my community, whether it is health inequalities, drug abuse or social issues. "To address the issue of knife crime, I felt it was imperative I also involve my colleagues at Wexham Park Hospital, all of whom delivered excellent teaching on CPR and applying bleed kits. We were able to

work together to provide essential skills and know-how to over 200 students of Langley College." [Read the full article](#)

- 2.3.6 **Frimley Health unveils ambitious strategy to 2030** - Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust has launched its [bold and ambitious strategy](#), setting out a transformative vision to enhance patient care, support staff, and modernise services by 2030. This vision — **to be compassionate, effective and modern in all that we do** — underpins every element of the Trust's plans and guides how care will be delivered across its hospitals and communities.
- 2.3.7 Complementing this, the Trust has also released a new clinical strategy, detailing its forward-looking plans for each clinical service to guide day-to-day decisions and ensure consistent, high-quality care across all settings.
- 2.3.8 The combined strategies represent a commitment to delivering outstanding care by leveraging technology, improving efficiency, and fostering partnerships within the healthcare system. Through these efforts, the Trust aims to meet the evolving needs of the 800,000 people it serves across its hospitals and communities. [Read the full article](#).

2.4 Key meetings and papers

- 2.4.1 The next meeting in public of the Board of NHS Frimley ICB will be held between 11.30am and 12.30pm on Tuesday, 22 July 2025. [Meeting papers](#) will be posted to our website ahead of the meeting.

3. Implications of the Recommendation

There are no recommendations to this report.

3.1 *Health and Well-being Board and Partners Implications*

None

3.2 *Equality implications*

None

3.3 *Environmental implications*

None

3.4 *Financial implications*

None

3.5 *Legal implications*

None

3.6 *Risk management implications*

None

3.7 *Procurement implications*

None

3.8 *Workforce implications*

None

3.9 *Property implications*

None

4. **Background Papers**

Not applicable.