

Strategic Advisory Group Minutes

Wednesday 15th October 2025 6.30pm

Teams

Attendance:

CE Charlotte Evans – SAG

UA Umar Ansari – SAG

KB Kevin Barry – SAG

JS Jaspreet Sangha – SAG – Part

CS Claire Shropshall – Healthwatch Manager

Minutes: **AB** Ann Brosnan – Healthwatch Volunteer & Enter & View Lead Officer

Apologies: Kathryn Loughnan – Help & Care – Director Partnerships, Research and Influence

Neil Bolton-Heaton – Help & Care – Head of Healthwatch

1. Welcome and apologies

Claire welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Kathryn and Neil.

2. July Minutes – sign off

The July minutes were approved.

3. Actions and matters arising

Item No.	Action Required	By Whom	Notes/Completed
	To send information about events to AB so volunteers can be asked to attend	ALL	Ongoing
08	SAG members to send comments on ToR	SAG	Ongoing – Neil to update as relevant

16	Liaise with Claire about SAG interviews with interested people	AB	Ongoing
19	Share recent update from ICB	CS	Completed
20	SAG members to give feedback on ICB update to CS	SAG	Completed
21	AB to email the people interested in joining the SAG to explain it is on hold until Healthwatch timescales are known	AB	Completed
22	AB to cancel Arbour Park 17 th Sept and look at 15 th Oct meeting	AB	October online. November 19 th delayed until Dec 10 th , online.

4. Update on Healthwatch changes

Neil had put together a document which Claire shared onscreen and will send to SAG members outlining the current situation, given the recent announcement that Healthwatch will be abolished.

Healthwatch currently remains fully operational.

Concerns around these changes are being fed back to the DHSC.

Action: CS to share Neil's Document with SAG members.

5. Update on ICB changes

Frimley and BOB ICBs are set to merge as the Thames Valley ICB from 1st April 2026. They have shared commissioning intentions for the future and Claire will share this document with the SAG

Action: CS to share Thames Valley ICB documents with SAG members.

6. Activity update

Primary Care, Waiting Lists and Children and Young People's mental health are the three main topics from the What Matters Most Survey.

Looking at the new GP contract in relation to accessibility, especially for booking appointments. E-consult now on all day and practices have reported challenges around this. This could be an opportunity to engage with patients on this.

Frimley Park new hospital: We were asked to do some engagement to understand what is needed to get the engagement right. Carried out five interviews with the leaders of various community groups around how their communities would like to be engaged and worked with HW Surrey and Hampshire. May be further engagement opportunities around this. Claire will share the report once available for the public.

Involved with workshops to support offering feedback around moving support out of the hospital and into the community with regard to Slough.

Will be at the Frimley ICS/EDI conference in November, Claire will be at Bracknell Forest Volunteer Fair.

Will be involved with the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and have been working with each Local Authority.

Usual community engagement and going to Health and Wellbeing Boards and Place meetings.

Enter and View at Oxford House in Slough at the end of October.

Bracknell Forest has asked HW to support them with an Adult Social Care report: they want to engage seldom heard groups and the community around priorities, to feed into their workplan going forward.

Quarter 2 reports currently being put together by Claire.

Action: CS to share Frimley report with SAG, when ready

7. AOB

None

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th November 6.30pm Arbour Park

Action Summary:

Item No.	Action Required	By Whom	Notes/Completed
23	To share Neil's HW document with the SAG	CS	Completed 21/10
24	Share Thames Valley ICB documents with the SAG	CS	Completed 21/10
25	To share the Frimley new hospital report with the SAG, when ready	CS	Sent with Dec 10 th Agenda.