

Population Health and Partnership Committee

Committee Chair Report for Board Meeting on 26th March 2026

1. The Population Health & Partnership Committee ('the Committee') met on 12th March 2026. The following is a summary of the areas considered at the meeting to update the Board.

Summary of areas considered

2. The areas considered included:
 - the Committee's terms of reference and the role of Patient and Service User Partners;
 - overviews of service user involvement and partnership working;
 - an overview of the new regional Neighbourhood Model of Care;
 - presentations and discussion of the strategic themes, '*Age Well*' and '*Community First*'; and
 - the Committee's future workplan.
3. This was the first substantive meeting of the Committee, which provided a valuable opportunity to: orientate its work; set the assurance baseline for key areas of Trust business including Personal and Public Involvement (PPI) and partnership working; and begin consideration of key strategic themes.
4. Future meetings will consider:
 - a more focussed examination of a smaller number of key themes (deep dives) within the Committee's remit;
 - developing and embedding the role of the Patient and Service User Partners; and

- examining the scope for enhancing strategic partnerships with key sectors (including, but not limited to, education, justice, housing and local government) in furtherance of the objectives in the Trust's Strategy, and the Department of Health's Reset Plan.

Issues for escalation to Trust Board

5. There are no items for escalation to the Trust Board.
6. The Committee discussed the potential exacerbation of risks stemming from the objective in the Reset Plan to transfer 2% of funding from acute services to community services, in the absence of any transitional funding, or strategic steer on delivery from the Department of Health. However, the Committee concluded that, in the first instance, this is a matter for consideration by the Finance Committee

Action(s) requested/required of Trust Board

7. The Trust Board is invited to approve the Committee's draft Terms of Reference, subject to any minor and consequential amendments stemming from finalisation of the role of Patient and Service user Partners.

Mr Chris Stewart

Non-Executive Director - Chair

On behalf of the Population Health & Partnership Committee

12th March 2026