

# Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	<b>POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE</b>
Date	<b>4 MARCH 2024</b>
Topic	<b>COMMUNITY, MENTAL HEALTH, AND LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES</b>

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## Background

1. Project Fusion is the programme taking place to create a new, combined NHS Foundation Trust to deliver community, mental health and learning disability services across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The aim is for the new Trust to be formed by April 2024.
2. A six-month pilot scheme took place on Afton Ward at St Mary's Hospital in 2023. The new mental health ward for dementia patients was opened, four years after a specialist ward closed over care concerns, with fewer beds to give staff space and to accommodate specialist nursing provision.

## Focus for Scrutiny

3. Is the creation of the new NHS Trust on track to be completed by 1 April 2024?
4. What is being done to ensure maximum communication with Island residents ahead of 1 April 2024?
5. How can the committee support health partners in the lead up to the establishment of the new NHS Trust?
6. What direction of travel will the new NHS Trust be taking following the outcome of the Afton Ward dementia bed pilot scheme?
7. Is there going to be a permanent solution in place on the Isle of Wight?

## Approach

8. To receive an update report on the Project Fusion, and to receive a verbal update and presentation on the outcomes of the Afton Ward pilot.

## **Document(s) Attached**

9. Appendix 1 - Project Fusion Update

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