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<b>NAME OF MEETING</b>	<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY INFORMAL BRIEFING</b>
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022, 5PM</b>
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>HYBRID (COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL/ MS TEAMS)</b>
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Cllrs J Nicholson (Chairman), R Downer, C Mosdell, R Quigley, J Robertson Joanna Smith (Healthwatch),  Paul Thistlewood - Statutory Scrutiny Officer, Mel White – Scrutiny Officer
<b>GUESTS</b>	Amanda Pearson – Head of Midwifery (NHS) Nikki Turner – Acting Chief Executive Officer, Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Digital (NHS) Michaela Dyer – Interim Managing Director, Isle of Wight System, Hampshire and IOW ICS (NHS) Michele Legg – Clinical Chair Isle of Wight Place for Hampshire and IOW ICB (NHS) Lesley Stevens – Director of Community, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities (NHS) Simon Bryant – Director of Public Health Laura Gaudion – Director of Adult Social Care & Housing Needs
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cllrs D Adams, M Lilley

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## **BACKGROUND**

The meeting of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care scheduled for Monday, 12th September 2022 was cancelled because there had been insufficient clear days available to give the required 5 clear days' notice as the result of the official period of national mourning to lawfully hold the meeting. Local authorities had been advised that they were unable to count days of mourning within the period of notice. With the agreement of councillors and partners it was thought that a number of the proposed agenda items could be discussed by way of an informal briefing. Any issue requiring full consideration would be added to the agenda for the next meeting on 5 December 2022. A note of the informal briefing would be included on the agenda of that meeting.

## **KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:**

- **Maternity Services**

The Head of Midwifery talked through the Maternity Report and discussed the challenges and future vision for the Isle of Wight's maternity service. Particular notice was given to the successful recruitment and retention of staff with the ICS Interim

Managing Director questioning what learning could be taken from maternity to attract staff across other services due to the current struggles with recruitment. Councillors received an assurance that the Trust were compliant with all elements of the seven immediate and essential actions arising from the Ockenden Report apart from one item and actions on this were in place. A regional team for an 'Ockenden oversight and assurance' visit was planned to take place shortly.

- **Health Transport and Dentistry on the Isle of Wight**

Both issues would be included on the agenda for the 5 December 2022 formal meeting.

- **Integrated Care Partnership and Board**

The Committee was made aware of guidance issued Department of Health and Social Care ensure that scrutiny formed a core part of how ICBs and ICPs operated.

- **Healthwatch Isle of Wight Annual Report & Healthwatch Isle of Wight Mental Wellbeing Report**

The Healthwatch Isle of Wight Manager presented both reports and raised particular points relating to the Mental Wellbeing Report with two big themes:

- Value of community organisations – these organisations were invaluable during the covid pandemic and will be invaluable again with the cost of living crisis over the coming winter
- Support for unpaid carers – currently 1600+ unpaid carers on the island that are low in resilience and that supporting carers was an absolute priority

Councillors indicated that it would be beneficial to have an informal meeting with unpaid carers to discuss key issues and concerns.

Councillors praised Healthwatch on their excellent reports.

- **Adult Social Care Annual Complaints Report**

The Director of Adult Social Care talked through the complaints report. She highlighted the fact that in 2021/22 there had been an increase in complaints in terms of numbers, but this was viewed as a positive thing as it meant people were confident to share their views which resulted in lots of learning for the department.

Councillors praised the good report and the positive attitude towards complaints.

- **Community and Mental Health Review**

The Director of Community, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities talked through the report and highlighted the biggest challenge of Child and adolescent services on the island as children can end up some distance away to receive services. The priority is to integrate services on the island. The Chairman queried a timeframe on this, and the Director of Community, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities advised the current tentative timeframe is for a strategic outline case to be completed by Christmas 2022 which will require sign off by all trust boards and ICB. Then between January 2023 and

April 2023 it would go to the regulators and a full business case would be completed by early summer 2023 with an implementation target of April 2024.

- **Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2027**

The Chairman asked for clarification on measuring the success of the strategy and what metrics would be used. The Director of Public Health stated the focus was on improving health – healthy place, healthy people, healthy lives. Councillors were advised that there would be a discussion around outcomes and metrics at the next informal Health & Wellbeing Board as they have not yet been refined.