

Paper 1: Minutes, Healthwatch Rutland (HWR) Board Meeting in Public

30 June 2025

Present: Janet Underwood (Chair)(JU), Alan Walters, Jane MacDonald, Samantha Fraser

In attendance: Tracey Allan-Jones (TAJ)

		Action
1	Welcome JU welcomed new members to the first meeting of the Advisory Board under the new HWR contract 2025-27.	
2	Declarations of Interest None were declared.	
3	HWR Annual priorities and work plan 2025-26 The plan, which had been previously reviewed offline, was approved.	
5	Updates Integrated Care Board (ICB) – JU NHSE's Model ICB Blueprint was published in May 2025 and requires ICBs to reduce running costs to £18.76 per head of population by the end of Q3 this financial year (December). For LLR, already a 'lean' ICB, this means a 33% cut from £31.7m to £21.1m. ICB's are expected to come together into bigger areas or "clusters" to take advantage of economies of scale. Plans must be submitted by 30/5/25. Current proposal is that LLR will cluster with Northamptonshire, with Toby Sanders as the joint CEO. The clusters' new role will be focused on commissioning and other services will be moved out into local authorities and neighbourhoods, subject to legislation changes. The biggest financial risks for LLR are thought to be workforce reductions and prescribing. There is little detail known outside of the public announcements at this time. Consultation on access to same-day healthcare in Rutland: update The results of the consultation (run from January-March this year) had been published. The response rate was high, with good representation from communities.	

	<p>In summary, people supported the combining of minor illness and minor injury services into a single clinic but want longer opening hours for the clinic and Xray and also a walk-in option for access.</p> <p>The results can be found here: Rutland-Same-Day-Access-Consultation-Report-18.06.25.docx</p> <p>The ICB is now considering the results and how they affect the proposals.</p>	
7.	<p>HWR Manager report</p> <p>TA-J took the paper as read and pulled out some highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment for a Healthwatch Engagement Officer was underway with the vacancy closing that day. Candidates would be offered full disclosure on what is known about the potential closure of Healthwatch leaked to the press the previous weekend. - Outreach and Enter and View activities would continue to be largely paused until the new officer is in place. - Website to be updated with board members details – all asked to send a short biography and photo to TA-J. - Self-funders project had been completed to time at the end of March, but HWR was still awaiting RCC sign-off for a joint press release – due that day. <p>Items to note</p> <p>Documents noted by the board included:</p> <p>Self-funding social care report</p> <p>Leicester Ophthalmology Enter and View report</p> <p>HWR response to same-day healthcare consultation</p> <p>Let's Talk... children, young people and families</p>	<p>TA-J</p> <p>AW, JM, SF</p>
8	<p>Questions from the public</p> <p>No questions were received.</p>	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The upcoming NHS 10-year health plan and DASH reports were briefly discussed. It was noted that the HWR approach is 'business as usual' until concrete plans for dismantling of Healthwatch are in place. Legislation is expected to take many months – perhaps late 2026 or longer still into 2027.</p>	

10	Next meeting September 8 th held for online meeting if required.	
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