

# Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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| Report subject             | <b>Dorset Palliative and End of Life Strategy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Meeting date               | 1 December 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Status                     | Public Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Executive summary          | <p>The Palliative and End of Life Care strategy explains what we hope to achieve, and how we're planning to do that. This document considers both adult and children's end of life care. It aligns our aims and priorities, providing a clear strategy on how we can provide excellent, personalised palliative and end of life care to anyone who needs it, no matter their age, and offer support to each individual and those most important to them. Since the strategy has been approved a group of stakeholders have come together to work with Macmillan to draw in Social Finance to support the implementation of the strategy. Full approval is expected over the winter of 2025/6 and thoughts and questions are welcomed from the committee to support the implementation plan.</p> |
| Recommendations            | <p><b>It is RECOMMENDED that the committee:</b></p> <p><b>Note the proposed Strategy for Palliative and End of Life Care in Dorset</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Reason for recommendations | To enable the Committee to consider the strategy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Report Authors | NHS Dorset      |
| Wards          | All wards       |
| Classification | For Information |

## Background

1. The strategy was co-designed by members of the Dorset Integrated Care System through a dedicated steering group. Membership included representatives from local authorities (DC & BCP), clinicians (acutes, community providers and GPs) and voluntary sector providers, including hospices and Wessex Cancer Alliance
2. National and local evidence informed development this included Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Dorset, Office for National Statistics data, Dying Matters publications (summarised in Appendix 7) etc. Communication and engagement with families was undertaken to understand their lived experience to ensure the strategy reflects what matters to them and those close to them.

## Appendices

Appendix 1 Strategy for Palliative and End of Life Care in Dorset