

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD



Report subject	BCP Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Draft for Consultation
Meeting date	12 January 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>This report and associated documents provides;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update on the development of the BCP Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area• An updated draft of the BCP Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (version 2) for public consultation• A draft Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Forward Plan for 2026 and 2027 for additional comments
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Board note the progress made to date with the development of the draft Strategy.2. The Board approve the draft Strategy for public consultation.3. The Board note a new requirement to develop a Neighbourhood Health Plan by the end of March 2026.4. The Board note the suggested priority topics for the BCP Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Forward Plan and provide any additional comments.
Reason for recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To ensure that appropriate engagement has been undertaken with stakeholders to inform the development of the Strategy.2. To ensure that the Board meets its statutory requirements under the Health and Social Care Act 2022 to develop a Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Decision

1. Background

It is a statutory requirement in England under the Health and Social Care Act 2022 for Health and Wellbeing Boards to produce a Local Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2. Progress to date

During December 2024 Board Members were asked to give their views of the priorities for the BCP Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy following a review of the latest data contained within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). This was then presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2025, where the following priorities themes were agreed:

- Children and Young People
- Community Mental Health Transformation
- Supporting Adults to Live Well and Independently
- Housing
- Cost of Living and Poverty

These have subsequently been refined as:

- Starting Well
- Mental Wellbeing
- Living & Ageing Well
- Healthy Places & Communities

In addition, the Board wanted to have a better understanding of the work taking place around these priorities across the system, with a view to ensuring that the function of the Board brings additional benefits, rather than increasing reporting or duplicating effort where it is not needed. To facilitate this, Board members were asked to complete a mapping exercise over the summer of 2025 to capture the current or emerging activity, and a good response was received.

A draft BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy was presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 6th of October 2025. The report and associated documents provided an update on the progress towards the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area, a draft strategy for comments and considerations from the Board and proposals for further stakeholder engagement on the strategy prior to finalisation.

A BCP Health & Wellbeing Board Workshop took place on the 24th of November 2025. The workshop included a presentation on the latest 2025 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the development of priority topics for a BCP JSNA Forward Plan. Board members were then asked to review and agree the draft BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy strategic priorities and proposed actions, prior to a potential public consultation.

The feedback and outputs from the BCP Health & Wellbeing Board workshop have now been reviewed and a second version of draft BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy has been produced in response to the feedback received.

The Health & Wellbeing Board is now asked to approve the second version of the draft BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy for public consultation (Appendix 1) with a view to a final draft being presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board, following a public consultation.

The Health & Wellbeing Board is also asked to note the suggested priority topics for the BCP Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Forward Plan (Appendix 2) and provide any additional comments.

The Health & Wellbeing Board is also asked to note a new requirement for the Board to produce a Neighbourhood Health Plan by the end of March 2026. This will be an additional plan to the BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

3. Summary of Key Changes

This section details some of the key changes that have been made to the draft Strategy (V1) following the Health & Wellbeing Board Workshop on the 24th of November 2025:

The draft strategy dates have been changed from 2025-2030 to 2026-2031, recognising that the strategy will now be approved and published in 2026.

Strategic Priority 1 - Starting Well. This section has been rewritten, and the proposed actions have been changed to provide greater connection to the BCP Children & Young People's Partnership Plan, Families First Programme, the SEND Improvement Plan and a greater focus on reducing inequalities through neighbourhood approaches.

Strategic Priority 2 – Mental Wellbeing. This section has been rewritten to provide greater connection to the development of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams and Neighbourhood Health Services and the opportunities these present to tackle physical, mental and social wellbeing together.

Strategic Priority 3 – Living & Ageing Well. This section has been rewritten for the proposed action on hospital admissions to have a specific focus on falls. It also has an added proposed action to support the development of creative health approaches in supporting people to live and age well. A new proposed action to support the development of an adult social care and housing strategy that supports people to live and age well has been added. Finally, a new proposed action to support the delivery of the Dorset Palliative and End of Life Strategy has been added.

Strategic Priority 4 - Healthy Places and Communities has been renamed Healthy Neighbourhoods and Communities, recognising the central importance of neighbourhoods in the 10 Year Health Plan for England. The proposed actions have been reduced and consolidated and include actions to improve health literacy and community resilience.

Measuring Impact – the proposed measures have been updated to better reflect the updated strategic priorities and proposed actions.

4. Neighbourhood Health Plan

The 10 Year Health Plan for England, published in July 2025, and subsequent NHS planning guidance, includes a new requirement for Health & Wellbeing Boards to produce a neighbourhood health plan, setting out how the NHS, local authority and other organisations, will work together to design and deliver neighbourhood health services. Further guidance to support the development of neighbourhood health plans is expected in January 2026 with a view to the development of a neighbourhood health plan by the end of March 2026. It is envisaged that this plan will build on the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

5. Proposed next steps

The draft BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy is attached as Appendix 1 and has been developed based upon the work outlined in sections 1 to 5. Board members are asked to approve the draft strategy for public consultation with a view to a final draft being presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board, following public consultation.

The Health & Wellbeing Board is also asked to note the suggested priority topics for the BCP Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Forward Plan (Appendix 2) and provide any additional comments, noting that this forward plan is flexible and will be kept under review.

6. Options Appraisal

Option 1- proceed with the next steps detailed above to ensure we meet our statutory requirements.

Option 2- do nothing- this is not an option as it is a statutory requirement to produce a Health & Wellbeing strategy.

7. Summary of financial implications

None.

8. Summary of legal implications

It is a statutory requirement for Health & Wellbeing Boards to produce a Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

9. Summary of human resources implications

None

10. Summary of sustainability impact

The Sustainability Impact assessment will be undertaken once the strategy has been finalised.

11. Summary of public health implications

The purpose of the strategy is to address local health and social care needs, improve health outcomes, and reduce health inequalities in line with Public Health functions.

12. Summary of equality implications

The Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken once the strategy has been finalised using the latest data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

13. Summary of risk assessment

The current recommendations are low risk.

14. Background papers

None.

Appendices

Appendix 1- Draft BCP Health and Wellbeing Strategy December 2026 (Draft Version 2)

Appendix 2 – Draft JSNA Forward Plan for 2026 and 2027