

REPORT TO:	NHS SOMERSET INTEGRATED CARE BOARD ICB Board Part A	ENCLOSURE: I
DATE OF MEETING:	27 November 2025	
REPORT TITLE:	Key Meeting Reports	
REPORT AUTHOR:	Non-Executive Directors and System Group Chairs	
EXECUTIVE SPONSOR:	Jonathan Higman, Chief Executive	
PRESENTED BY:	Non-Executive Directors and System Group Chairs	

PURPOSE	DESCRIPTION	SELECT
Approve	To formally receive a report and approve its recommendations, (authorising body/committee for the final decision)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endorse	To support the recommendation (not the authorising body/committee for the final decision)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discuss	To discuss, in depth, a report noting its implications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note	To note, without the need for discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assurance	To assure the Board/Committee that systems and processes are in place, or to advise of a gap along with mitigations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

LINKS TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (Please select any which are impacted on / relevant to this paper)
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- ☒ Objective 1: Improve the health and wellbeing of the population
- ☐ Objective 2: Reduce inequalities
- ☐ Objective 3: Provide the best care and support to children and adults
- ☐ Objective 4: Strengthen care and support in local communities
- ☐ Objective 5: Respond well to complex needs
- ☐ Objective 6: Enable broader social and economic development
- ☒ Objective 7: Enhance productivity and value for money

PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION / ENGAGEMENT
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N/A

REPORT TO COMMITTEE / BOARD

The Key Meeting Reports are a record of the most recent Board Committee and System Group meetings. They are presented to the ICB Board and are published in the public domain through the NHS Somerset website, to provide clarity and transparency about the discussions and decisions made, and to ensure the principles of good governance are upheld.

The Key Meeting Reports are provided for **Assurance**.

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS – KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED (please enter 'N/A' where not applicable)	
Reducing Inequalities/Equality & Diversity	N/A
Quality	N/A
Safeguarding	N/A
Financial/Resource/ Value for Money	N/A
Sustainability	N/A
Governance/Legal/ Privacy	N/A
Confidentiality	N/A
Risk Description	N/A

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE (SCC) MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2025

1 ITEMS DISCUSSED

- 1.1
 - Strategic Commissioning Intentions
 - Terms of Reference
 - Primary Care Report incl. update on Jhoots Pharmacy
 - South Somerset West PCN Merger Application
 - Better Care Fund Audit Report

2 NEW ISSUES AND/OR NEW RISKS IDENTIFIED

This was the first time the SCC received a risk register and the risks below are ones newly added since the final PCCC on 04 June 2025.

- 2.1
 - 749 – Risk of significant business impacts on ICB as result of transition to cluster – (rated 20)
 - 729 – Risk of being unable to maintain the GP speciality training pipeline – (rated 15)
 - 734 – Risk that closure of the CSU will lead to loss of IT staff impacting GP IT service delivery (rated 12)
 - 733 – Risk that network equipment will no longer be supported in this year and replacement is required (rated 9)
 - 743 – Risk that prescription paper is not secure in GP practices (rated 9)
 - 732 – Risk that GP colleagues with NHS.net local helpdesk permissions may not adhere to local and organisation processes (rated 8)
 - 730 – Risk that lack of funding beyond March 2026 will end Training Hub support, impacting the Somerset GP workforce (rated 6)
 - 735 – Risk that organisational change from clustering will lead to staff disengagement and reduced performance (rated 4)

3 DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

- 3.1
 - Approval of the South Somerset West PCN Application

4 ITEMS REQUIRING ESCALATION TO THE ICB AND/OR OTHER SYSTEM BOARDS

Items for Consideration/Decision

- 4.1
 - If not scheduled in yet, an update on Jhoots Pharmacy would be valuable, given the risk

- The Committee reviewed the draft Strategic Commissioning Intentions, a further briefing on this will be presented at November Board (Part B).

Reports for Information for Future Board Agendas

4.2 None

5 CHAIR'S SUMMARY

5.1 In our third outing the committee found its rhythm, in terms of both focussed discussion and a more exploratory scope. Discussion points included our relationship to 'positive' risks and which are likely to correlate with our ambition, and as a counterweight to the commissioning plans, the benefit of a decommissioning plan.

Chair: Suresh Ariaratnam

Date: 13 November 2025

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2025

1 ITEMS DISCUSSED

- 1.1 SEND Strategy update and readiness for inspection particularly focussing on impact of interventions.

Update on progress with the Somerset Children and Young People's Plan, deep dive planned at next meeting focussing on impact metrics.

Future work plan/focus of the Partnership Board with agreement for a workshop to plan into 2026.

2 NEW ISSUES AND/OR NEW RISKS IDENTIFIED

- 2.1 Maintaining focus and resource allocation as risk of ICB change process and financial constraints become more evident.

3 DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

- 3.1 None

4 ITEMS REQUIRING ESCALATION TO THE ICB AND/OR OTHER SYSTEM BOARDS

Items for Consideration/Decision

- 4.1 None

Reports for Information for Future Board Agendas

- 4.2 None

5 CHAIR'S SUMMARY

- 5.1 We heard about progress with both the SEND Strategy and the readiness for inspection work was progressing. We were pleased to hear the particular focus on impact of interventions which is a priority.

We heard an update on progress with the Somerset Children and Young People's Plan and agreed a deep dive at next meeting focussing on impact metrics.

We discussed the future work plan/focus of the Partnership Board with agreement and enthusiasm for a workshop to plan into 2026.

Chair: Shelagh Meldrum - Chief Nursing Officer NHS Somerset

Date: 10 November 2025