

One Eastern Devon Partnership Forum

Minutes of the meeting of the One Eastern Devon Partnership Forum held on **Thursday 7 May 2026 (face to face) at the Amphitheatre, Health Innovation Southwest, Vantage Point, Pynes Hill, Exeter EX2 5FD**

	Agenda Item
1	Welcome, introductions and declarations of interest JC introduced the meeting, welcomed the participants and everybody introduced themselves as there were several new attendees. He reminded the Group regarding conflicts of interest.
2	Feedback/updates and actions from the last meeting No amendment of the previous minutes but the actions had already been updated since the last meeting. There was just one outstanding action setting up a meeting with Liz Brooke-Hocking from DALC and JC. JC gave a brief overview of the agenda highlighting the key points: wider One Eastern Devon Partnership Forum as to how we govern ourselves, the role of the ICB, expectations of the LCPs, change of purpose, is the architecture fit for purpose, what is the relationship between the Exec Board and the wider OEDPF whilst focusing on relational engagement with each other without having a governance route which restricts the group.
3	Update: Neighbourhood Health in Eastern Devon – discussion led by CS/JC: • JC/FC/CS and other members discussed the development and implementation of a neighbourhood health framework and the health equity strategy for East Devon, focusing on local, bottom-up approaches, integration of lived experience, and alignment with national and local government outcomes. • CS reported that the ICB was going through a huge reorganisation, ICB Devon was merging with Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. There was an acting Chief Executive and Chris Reid had been appointed the Place and Transformation Director who would be looking after neighbourhoods on behalf of the ICB. She reported that the Neighbourhood Steering Group had been going for six months and JC had produced slides on the Eastern Devon approach to neighbourhood health. Chris Reid is meeting the Neighbourhood Steering Group on Monday 11 May 2026 to discuss Eastern Devon's neighbourhood approach and CR must submit a plan/paper to NHSE by 25 May 2026 on Devon's overall approach. • The team is developing a framework for neighbourhood working in East Devon, drawing on experiences from the past three to four years. The approach emphasises local ownership, integration of partners, and removing barriers, with a workshop planned in the next four to six weeks to gather ideas and refine the model. • RW asked about PCN networks in relation to neighbourhood health. AS said that PCNs are having to cut staff for PCN survival, all GP surgeries are individual

	businesses, they are prescriptive about spending money and feel uncomfortable with neighbourhood health. • The health equity strategy, available on the One East Devon website, aims to reduce health inequalities by aligning action, empowering communities, and tackling root causes. Strategic pillars include promoting wellbeing, acting early, targeting support, strengthening community voice, and creating proactive local systems. • The strategy and framework are informed by lived experience, with efforts to ensure that patient and community perspectives are central to planning and implementation. The group discussed the importance of representing diverse backgrounds and addressing wider determinants of health such as housing and environment. The group noted that the NHS has aligned neighbourhood health work with the local government outcomes framework, reinforcing the need for partnership with local authorities and voluntary sectors. The strategy is designed to be adaptable to changing policy contexts and local needs. Action: IV to set up workshop in the next four to six weeks to gather ideas and refine the model around a neighbourhood health framework.
4	Health Equity Strategy next steps: Implementation Group of the Partnership Forum – discussion led by FC/JC. • A working group has been formed with volunteers from various organisations to monitor progress, ensure alignment with emerging priorities, and maintain momentum. The group plans to select specific issues to address, such as housing or environment, and to document and share progress as evidence of ongoing work. • The health equity strategy, available on the One East Devon website, aims to reduce health inequalities by aligning action, empowering communities, and tackling root causes. Strategic pillars include promoting wellbeing, acting early, targeting support, strengthening community voice, and creating proactive local systems. • The strategy and framework are informed by lived experience, with efforts to ensure that patient and community perspectives are central to planning and implementation. The group discussed the importance of representing diverse backgrounds and addressing wider determinants of health such as housing and environment. Action: IV set up first meeting of this Strategy Subgroup to represent diverse backgrounds and addressing wider determinants of health such as housing and environment.
5	Feedback to the Forum from the One Eastern Devon Exec Board and discussion on defining the relationship between the Exec Group and Partnership Forum JC/FC will report as follows:

- Forum members including JC/FC and others, discussed the ongoing challenges posed by organisational change, limited capacity, and uncertain funding, explored strategies to maintain engagement, momentum, and partnership effectiveness during periods of uncertainty.
- Participants acknowledged the significant changes in national policy, the evolving role of the ICB, and the resulting uncertainty in local structures and leadership. The Forum is seen as a stabilising force, holding space for partnership work amid ongoing flux.
- The group recognised the challenge of engaging volunteers and partners who are already at capacity with their primary roles. There was discussion about the need to make participation manageable and meaningful, and to avoid overburdening individuals.
- Funding limitations were discussed, including the end of some funding streams and the hope that new sources, such as the VCSE Assembly, might provide support. The group considered how to prioritise work and leverage existing resources to maintain progress.
- Despite challenges, the forum emphasised the importance of continuing to meet, share learning, and demonstrate value to the wider system. The group aims to be ready with evidence and initiatives when opportunities or funding arise.
- MM said it was important that there was learning and trust within the groups and that learning happens and reflection, that these two pillars are the two foundations. AS said within the wider OEDPF there is a wealth of experience that can look at topics with different lens. Statutory agencies linking at ground level with patient care.
- MM mentioned uniting all the partnership, what are the key themes, and he thought the group would need more help with this. JG stressed it is important to engage at all levels.
- KD said that the wider OEDPF holds to account the Executive Board and is there to check and challenge for example frailty, listen, return and check.

6 Discussion on revamping OED's structure, membership and groups to ensure it is fit for the future – discussion led by JC.

- JC/MM and other participants reviewed the current landscape of partnership groups, discussing which groups remain active, the need for consolidation, and the importance of clear mapping and reporting to support collaboration and avoid duplication. JC felt it was important that OED's architecture must be as relevant as possible with the Neighbourhood Steering Group and Strategy Implementation Group and above all fit for the future. He stressed that the group must not reinvent the wheel.
- The forum identified which partnership groups are still active, such as the Mental Health Partnership, Healthy Ageing, and Health and Wellbeing Alliances, while noting that others have merged, become inactive, or changed focus.
- Successful groups were noted to have both statutory and voluntary sector co-chairs, while those lacking this balance struggled. The group discussed the need for commitment from both sectors for new and continuing groups.

	• There was agreement on the need for a clear, visual map of the partnership ecosystem, including group purposes, membership, and reporting lines, to aid understanding and facilitate collaboration. • AS suggested that each partnership group have a five-minute slot at each wider OEDPF meeting. • GS suggested that trust grows through transparency. He suggested posting hot points as bullet points on the One Eastern Devon website. • JC/FC facilitate a conversation between the partnership chairs group and the exec board to review and finalise the structure and relevance of partnership groups. Action: JC/FC/IV create and circulate an updated visual diagram of the current partnership groups, their chairs, and how they interrelate within the One East Devon ecosystem. Action: JC/FC facilitate a conversation between the partnership chairs group and the exec board to review and finalise the structure and relevance of partnership groups.
7	Governance update and process to appoint/elect a chair/s to the One Eastern Devon Partnership – Discussion to be led by JC/FC. • The group discussed the process for appointing chairs or co-chairs for the partnership forum, considering options such as rotating leadership, expressions of interest, and a 12-month commitment. The desired qualities for chairs included the ability to foster a culture of learning and trust, with an emphasis on distributed leadership and representation from both rural and urban perspectives. • The person/people taking up this role must be interested in taking up the role for an initial 12-month commitment and then this is to be reviewed. For vice chair roles there should be one from the statutory sector and one from VCSE, hence mirroring the other One Eastern Devon partnership groups. • CS suggested that a brief person specification be produced. JC/FC draft and circulate a brief role description for the Partnership Forum chair/co-chair position, invite expressions of interest for a 12-month commitment, and outline the selection process. Action: JC/FC draft and circulate a brief role description for the Partnership Forum chair/co-chair position, invite expressions of interest for a 12-month commitment, and outline the selection process.
8	One Eastern Devon website – discussion • There was agreement on the need for improved communication, including concise key messages, use of the website for updates, and templates for subgroup reporting. The aim is to ensure transparency, avoid duplication of effort, and make information accessible to all members.

	• IV to put highlights on the website about the wider OEDPF, Executive Board and any relevant updates from any of the partnership groups. Action: IV to put highlights on the website about the wider OEDPF, Executive Board and any relevant updates from any of the partnership groups.
9	Any other business • Guest speakers and external arrangements - IV raised the possibility of inviting guest speakers, such as representatives from Devon Communities Together, to future meetings, with the group agreeing to consider relevance and context for such invitations. • The group agreed that guest speakers should be relevant to the forum's work and that their purpose for attending should be clear. Suggestions included signposting to other assemblies or groups if more appropriate.
10	Close The Board will be meeting on Thursday 25 June 2026 via MS Teams from 1430 – 1630. Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 September 2026, for the wider OEDPF Group 1400 – 1630 face to face the Amphitheatre, Health Innovation Southwest, Vantage Point, Pynes Hill, Exeter EX2 5FD.

One Eastern Devon LCP Forum Action Grid

17th July 2023 – Updated 7 May 2026

Action no.	Comments	Lead	Outcome
Thursday 7 May 2026			
3	IV to set up workshop in the next four to six weeks to gather ideas and refine the model around a neighbourhood health framework.	IV	Completed.
4	IV set up first meeting of this Strategy Subgroup to represent diverse backgrounds and addressing wider determinants of health such as housing and environment.	IV	CS to report on this at the next OEDPF Meeting in September.
6a	JC/FC/IV create and circulate an updated visual diagram of the current partnership groups, their chairs, and how they interrelate within the One East Devon ecosystem.	JC/FC/IV	Ongoing
6b	JC/FC facilitate a conversation between the partnership chairs group and the exec board to review and finalise the structure and relevance of partnership groups.	JC/FC	Ongoing
7	JC/FC draft and circulate a brief role description for the Partnership Forum chair/co-chair position, invite expressions of interest for a 12-month commitment, and outline the selection process.	JC/FC	Completed
8	IV to put highlights on the website about the wider OEDPF, Executive Board and any relevant updates from any of the partnership groups.	IV	Ongoing

PRESENT:			
Andy Stapley	ASt	Eastern Primary Care Collaborative Board	Chair, Eastern Primary Care Collaborative Board
Caroline Stead	CS	NHS Devon	System Delivery and Improvement Lead
Fiona Carden	FC	CoLab Exeter	CEO and Director of Learning
Gail Mistlin	GM	CoLab Exeter	Programme Manager for Cranbrook
Greg Smith	GS	NHS Devon	Locality Commissioning Specialist
Isobel Vanstone	IV	Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Senior Administrator to the Partnership Team
Cllr Jan Goffey	JG	Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council	Parish Councillor
Jeff Chinnock	JC	Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Associate Director of Partnerships
Kerry Durkin	KD	Devon Partnership Trust	Programme Manager Urgent Care
Leah Wolf	LW	Devon LPC	Service Engagement Lead
Lindsey Anderson	LA	University of Exeter	Regional Engagement Manager
Lisa Woodward	LW(1)	Stop Life Devon	Senior Engagement Lead
Matt Merriam	MM	Devon Mental Health Alliance	Community Mental Health Development Lead – DMHA Eastern Devon (Mid/Exeter/East)
Rachael Mccarthy	RM	Devon County Council	Senior Public Health Registrar
Rachel Wigglesworth	RW	Devon County Council	Deputy Director Public Health
Rosa Heller	RH	Devon County Council	Trainee GP
Ruth Wills	RW	Hospiscare	Chief Nurse
Sarah Miller	SM	Devon County Council	Speech and Language Advisor and Transformation Lead
Simon Culley	SC	Health Watch Devon, Plymouth and Torbay	Communications and Digital Lead
Stephen Walford	SW	Mid Devon District Council	Chief Executive
Apologies			
Alexandra Robinson	AR	Cranbrook Town Council	Deputy Clerk
Amanda Pujol	AP	Teignbridge District Council	Director of Patient Experience and Transformation

Amy Slater	AS(1)	Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Health Inequalities Programme Support Officer
Ann Rhys	AR	Hospiscare	Clinical Director
Ben Feasey	BF	Devon Communities	Community Development Officer
Ben Williams	BW	Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service	Group Commander
Brett Elliott	BE	West Devon CVS	Chief Officer
Carolyn Hague	CH	Devon County Council	Principal Adult Occupational Therapist
Catherine West	CW	Significant Seams CIS	Director
Chris Cruise	CC	HOSMS PCN	Lead
Claire Ashby	CA	TASC PCN	Digital and Transformation PCN Manager
David Relph	DR	Howplaceswork Ltd	Director
Ellie Barnes	EB	East Devon VCSE Network	East Devon VCSE Network Co-ordinator
Dr Emma Green	EG	St Thomas Medical Group/Exeter West PCN	Exeter Primary Care Ltd
Emma O'Connell	EOC	Children and Family Health Devon Community Health Services	Children's Alliance Deputy Director
Gareth Sorsby	GS	YMCA Exeter	Joint Chief Executive
Geoffrey Cox	GC	Southern Healthcare Group	Managing Director
Ian Blackwell	IB	Consultant developing OED Strategy	Devon Community Foundation
Ian Luscombe	IL	West Devon Borough Council	Head of Environmental Health and Licensing
James Martin	JM	Office of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care Devon County Council and NHS Devon	Policy and Executive Support Manager
James Stock	JS	Devon and Cornwall Police	Chief Inspector
Jo Clunie	JC	Acorn Community Support	Chair
Jo Yelland	JY	Exeter City Council and Exeter City Futures	Strategic Director of People and Communities
John Powell	JP	Unicare Devon/Devon Integrated Social Care Alliance	Director
Jon Cook	JC	Colab Exeter	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Julie Nunn	JN	Devon Partnership NHS Trust	Service Development and QI Lead
Katheryn Hope	KH	Involve Mid Devon	Chief Officer

Cllr Liz Brooke-Hocking	LBH	DALC	Chair of DALC
Matt Smith	MS	Waffle House CIC	Director
Matt Young	MY	CoLab Exeter	Men's Wellbeing Advocate and Founder of Who Needs Instructions CIC
Matthew Blythe	MB	East Devon District Council	Assistant Director – Environmental Health
Mike Warriner	MW	Devon and Cornwall Police	Superintendent
Nicolas Child	NC	Learn Devon	Senior Employment and Skills Manager - Learn Devon and Inclusion, Performance and Partnerships
Nicki Wright	NW	NHS Devon	Strategic Learning and Education Manager
Nicky Flynn	NF	Age UK Exeter	Chief Executive Officer
Nikki Mahoney	NM	Devon County Council	Interim Assistant Director Adult Social Care
Nicola Dalglish	ND	NHS Devon	Senior Locality Commissioning Manager
Rachel Humphries	RH	Public Health, Devon County Council	Advanced Public Health Practitioner
Rachel Oster	RO	Devon County Council	Occupational Therapist
Richard Foxwell	RF	Wellmoor	Chair and Joint Chair of Unpaid Carers Partnership
Ryan Doyle	RD	Devon and Cornwall Police	Commander for NEW Devon
Sarah King	SK	Tiverton Primary Care Network	Primary Care Network Manager
Sarah-Lou Glover	SLG	Parental Minds CIC	Director
Saul Stevens	SS	Exeter University	Economist (North Dartmoor Health Initiative)
Shona Charlton	SC	Devon ICB	Head of Learning Disability and Autism
Simon Chant	SC	Devon County Council	Consultant in Public Health
Simon Harrison	SH	Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Head of Pastoral & Spiritual Care
Simon Kitchen	SK	Devon County Council	Head of Communities
Dr Sonja Manton	SM	Devon Partnership Trust	Director of Strategy
Stephen Clayton	SC	Exeter City Council	Head of Service – Customers and Communities

Sue Julyan	SJ	Citizens Advice Exeter and Citizens Advice Torbay	Chief Executive
Sue Taylor	ST	Devon LPC	Chief Officer
Suzie Walters-Jefferies	SWJ	Devon Carers	Awareness and Support Manager
Tamlyn Fraiquinn	TF	Involve Mid Devon	Communities that Can Project Manager
Toby George	TG	Devon and Cornwall District Universal Credit	Jobcentre Plus Partnership Manager