

**Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Feedback Report to Trust Board**

Report from:	Northern Partnership and Population Health Committee
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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the business undertaken by the Northern Partnership and Population Health Committee (NPPHC).

Strategic Objectives (select)

<i>Build Northern Partnerships and Integrate Care</i>	<i>Continue to improve Outcomes & Experience</i>	<i>Deliver value by optimising Resources</i>	<i>Nurture our people, enable our talent and build our Teams</i>	<i>Improve population Health and address health and social care inequalities</i>
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Summary of Committee Business

The fifth meeting of the Committee took place on 17 November 2025.

The Committee considered the People to Partners report recently published by NICON / PCC. This report will be further considered by the Trust at a Senior Leaders' workshop in February. Members underlined the importance of health literacy and the use of the Health Literacy Toolkit in raising awareness among staff.

Hugh Nelson (Head of Health and Wellbeing) gave an update on Community Appointment Days, four of which have been held to date, targeting people newly diagnosed with dementia. They provide a forum for assessing needs and signposting to relevant services, and have proved to be a successful model as means to engage directly with individuals and carers in a meaningful way at an early stage of their journey – Circa 75 individuals and carers attended. The committee supported the proposal that CAD are scaled up as a key part of how the organisation will work within communities – across geography /conditions. Further scoping and planning will now take place.

Andrew Barbour (Lead MSK physio) provided an update on a trial Physiotherapy Community Appointment Day in Fern House. Invites were sent to patients recently added to the physio waiting list and attendance on the day enabled referral to services including Community Advice, dietetics, leisure centres and Condition Management. Learning from the trial will be considered for potential future events. Andrew recognised that as a staff member this was an excellent and very beneficial way to work directly with partners with a commitment to continue to "test & learn" as a team

Sarah McLaughlin (MEAAP) updated the Committee on a Partnership Health Day in Ballymena, which included participants from the Falls Team, Chest Heart and Stroke, Carers Forum, Podiatry and others. It is worth noting the active face to face engagement of Trust staff offered real assurance and confidence to those who attended – This model of joint working played to the strengths of both the Trust and partners. Sarah is part of a wider regional group on neighbourhood /partnership working and will ensure connections are made

Will Nicholson (Better Way Network / STEPS) gave a report on the Thrive Sperrins initiative, which recently was able to facilitate a meeting between 18 NHCST staff and staff from a local school. What is important to

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note is the community response to the efforts made by the Trust to engage and the building of shared understanding and trust and not to be underestimated

Finally, the Committee agreed to progress a Place Based Learning initiative in Coleraine, partnering with the Council to progress the Future Town Centre Fund and to support the design and delivery of a proposed new Leisure and Wellbeing Centre. This proposal is significant in terms of partnership and investment opportunities

As an overall perspective there is clear evidence of the growing impact of the work of this committee as it relates to our commitment to Reset / Neighbourhood / People as Partners approach

Reports Approved by the Committee
None.
Items for Escalation to Trust Board
None.