

NHS Highland



SUMMARY REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Name of Committee	Population Health and Planning Committee
Date of Meeting	13 May 2026
Committee Chair	Gerry O'Brien

KEY POINTS FROM DISCUSSION AND ESCALATION

ALERT

There was nothing to escalate to the Board.

ASSURE

- Strategy Development Update (Moderate)
- Director of Public Health and Policy Annual Report (Substantial)
- Population Health and Organisation Maturity Matrix (Moderate)
- Children & Young Peoples Needs Assessment Update (Substantial)

ADVISE

- The Committee considered and noted the importance of the early years and the need to invest in prevention, recognising the long-term health gains that can be achieved through early intervention.
- The Committee noted that the complexity of population health challenges, and the associated requirement for whole-system working, becomes increasingly apparent as understanding develops, and will be a key consideration in progressing to action.

RISKS

No risks were highlighted.

ACTIONS

- The Committee Chair and Executive Leads to review the Action Plan ahead of the next Committee meeting.
- Further work required to development the Committee workplan, aligning items to the organisational strategy and maturity matrix.

LEARNING

No Learning items were raised.