

MINUTES OF THE MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2026 AT 19.00 IN
THE MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL.



PRESENT Cllrs Stabbins, Morris, Biggin, Whibley, Potter,
Moyle, Clerk

Minutes

2526.195 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES- Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Thomason-Kenyon

2526.196 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR REQUEST DISPENSATIONS- None

2526.197 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY

A meeting was arranged for Cllrs to do a site visit to Goldmartin on Carlidnack Road to consider a planning application. The applicant was present to help arrange a meeting time. The visit was set for Monday 26th January at 9.30.

2526.198 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 16th DECEMBER 2025

Proposed Cllr Potter, Seconded Cllr Whibley, Resolved to accept the minutes with some minor amendments and spelling corrections that were written on the printed signed copy to be scanned in. All in favour.

2526.199 CLERK'S UPDATE AND ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES NOT ON THE CURRENT AGENDA

1. Storm Goretti- there's a lot of tree damage in the parish- No Man's Land is particularly bad and fallen trees on Bar Road have made some properties inaccessible. The Budock Road is open but the Maenporth Road to Falmouth is closed until the 12th March. A member of the public commented there were no signs with advanced warning to drivers so they know the beach café is open but that there is no through access to Falmouth. Clerk agrees to email Highways.
2. Mawnan Park- the zipwire has been removed along with the netball post and some rotten pieces of the trim trail. The fencing and gates are being installed in mid Feb and there is a site visit next week. The zipwire is ordered for March. There was a reduction on the cost of the zipwire removal of £300 due to time taken.
3. The EOI for Highways Improvement Fund was submitted on the 31st December which was for the crossing outside the school. The application included the survey done by the PTA about the school crossing with parents clearly stating the crossing isn't safe. It also stated how much the parish agreed to put towards the project but only if it was a proper solution to the problem.
4. Carwinion Playing Field Masterplan Public Engagement Event is on Friday 23rd January at the MCA. The boards are currently at the school so the children can view them and clerk will move them to the MCA for the public consultation on Friday. Cllr Potter asked when discussions can go ahead with Cornwall Council regarding the field and Clerk said she was waiting for the final masterplan to be delivered and then it can be forwarded onto the team at CC and discussions can restart.

5. Clerk informed Cllrs that Val Tunwell of The Memorial Hall and Mawnan Community Garden had asked the clerk to thank the parish council for the grant agreed in December.

ACTION: Clerk to email Highways regarding sign to alert drivers that the road to Falmouth via Maenporth is closed but businesses open as usual to beach.

2526.200 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER Anna Thomason- Kenyon

This is included below the minutes.

The clerk pointed out that, contrary to her report, Cllr Thomason- Kenyon was sent an email about MP Perran Moon's visit at 2am on the day of the visit.

The council discussed the offer for help from Cllr Thomason- Kenyon, using the Communities Highways Improvement Programme, to look at applications to address speed and traffic issues in the village. The clerk pointed out there was already a CHIP application in for the parish council for the school crossing to be improved. Cllrs said this application is a priority so if only one per parish is allowed no other application should replace it.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllr Thomason Kenyon about CHIP.

2526.201 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL BY DATE OF THIS MEETING

1. **PA25/09408 Court Cottage Trehunsey Close** New First Floor Extension and full refurbishment of 1960s 3 bed Bungalow with new Soakaway and minor landscaping to South of building. Demolition of conservatory, small extension and hipped roof to Garage.

Cllrs discussed this application, focusing mainly on the size of the proposal and its proximity to the site boundaries. It is not in public view so has very little impact. The materials are suitable and in keeping with the vernacular, there are no skylights (good) and no windows looking over the neighbouring sites and it is a good modernisation of a very 60s property. The main concern was the footprint goes right up to the boundary and the overhang of the roof almost goes onto the neighbouring property. The applicant was in the meeting and stated the proposed overhangs are actually less than they are now- the application is to take them back. The footprint of the property is going to be less than existing as a conservatory isn't being replaced. Applicant stated both neighbours are supportive. Cllr recommended neighbours support on portal. Cllrs noted the bat boxes that will be built in and mentioned a swift box would also be a nice addition. Further questions ascertained that the septic tank has been assessed and can support 12 people. There is a new soakaway which is an improvement.

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Potter, RESOLVED to support the application. All in favour.

2. **PA25/09609 Llansenwith Budock Vean Lane** Works to Tree(s) subject to a preservation order (TPO) Locations and works shown within Lansenwith tree works

Cllrs discussed this and considering the recent storm think it is a sensible to rebalance and restabilise the oak tree in and approve of the replanting with oaks.

PROPOSED Cllr Potter, SECONDED Cllr Morris, RESOLVED to support the application. All in favour.

3. **PA25/09547 Meudon Farm Maenporth Road** Hedgerow removal notice for removal of two 3-metre lengths of hedgerow to create a permissive path linking existing public rights of way.

Cllrs discussed that the removal of the hedge would be to enable tractors and pedestrians to enter the new PROW. If, as per the application, they cannot remove the hedges to ground level, they will put stiles in/ stock gate/ pedestrian gate. Cllrs bought up that there has been a lot of negative feedback about high stiles and to avoid these if possible. A kissing gate would be an option.

A local farmer questioned by email whether 3 metres is needed but wasn't aware that the application was to provide for tractor access to service the woodlands. Clerk to feed back that it is to provide tractor/ vehicular access.

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Stabbins, RESOLVED to support the application. Cllrs Whibley, Morris, Potter, Biggin in favour, Cllrs Moyle and Morris abstained.

2526.202 TO RECEIVE A LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS MADE TO DATE BY CORNWALL COUNCIL

1. **PA25/07616 Huefield Helford Passage** - Proposed extension and alterations to an existing dwelling with variation of Conditions 2 and 3 of decision notice PA24/04686 dated 23/08/2024 **REFUSED**
2. **PA25/07685 Amanyl Penwarne Road** Works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO): T1 - crown reduction and crown **APPROVED**
3. **PA25/07949 Redwood Helford Passage** Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO): T2505 (1x Monterey Pine) – remove and replace with 1x Monterey Pine. G2 (4x Monterey Pines) - remove due to impaired structural condition and replace with 4x Monterey Pines **APPROVED**
4. **PA25/08681 South Of Bosanath Farm Bosanath Valley** Prior Approval for change of use, agricultural to flexible use class E **Prior approval not req'd (PA/AF/TEL/DEM/)**

Cllrs commented that since the storm there had been a number of emails and conversations about what trees should replace Monterey Pines. Are they the most suitable tree to plant again? Cllrs discuss that it is also a case of bad management- people don't fell/ maintain the trees and also many are protected- even when they are clearly very old and should be cut much shorter much earlier. Cornwall Council make it hard through TPOs to maintain management for these trees when the lifespan is known to be 90 years. Clerk said the National Trust have a replanting scheme and the local ranger would come and talk to them if they wanted. They may be relooking at it after the storm. Cllrs agree this would be good to put in the diary.

Action: In the future Clerk to arrange NT Ranger to come and talk to Cllrs about replanting

2526.203 UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION AND APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY

1. **Review** and **agree** monthly figures, payments and bank reconciliation

Clerk noted the Crowdfunder money has now come in. The payment to Mei Loci will conclude the CCF project at the Carwinion Playing Field. Clerk confirmed all grants were due for payment and there is an underspend on the grant fund for the financial year. Cllr Moyle questioned the fencing purchased for Mawnan Park and said that more work needs to be done on the park to stop dogs getting in where young children are playing. Cllrs agreed the new works mean it is going to be much better than it currently is and any weaknesses can be looked at once the new fencing and repairs have been completed.

PROPOSED Cllr Potter, SECONDED Cllr Whibley, RESOLVED to approve the monthly figures. All in favour.

2526.204 VOTE TO ESTABLISH EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

After the recent storm there is clearly a need for an Emergency Committee within the parish council and the community.

Cllr Whibley talked about how badly the village was hit- there was no means of getting in or out by any of the Highway Routes. There was an incident when a 999 call was needed and the carer of the patient couldn't dial out as she had no signal. Luckily a neighbour who was on another provider managed to make the call. Now that most people have moved entirely over to electric- ^{and digital} along with phones and mobile devices- loosing power meant all heating in the home, ability to cook or heat water and charge batteries, communications were lost. Stanner stairlifts won't work, life line buttons won't work. Mawnan was isolated physically as well as via communications and power.

large village

The MP Perran Moon had held a feedback forum on Saturday, ^{17th January in the Mawnan Memorial Hall} and he said Mawnan was the hardest hit ^{place} in his constituency. He came to listen and to take parish feedback. He was already raising issues regarding connectivity with parliament and taking parishioner feedback back to Westminster. Consensus is that National Grid were amazing and responsive. They were prepared, had teams from all over the country already moved into the area. They had power up within 2-4 days. However OpenReach have been very slow, uncommunicative, and appallingly bad to deal with. Weeks later people are still without internet. OpenReach have to do better. MP said he will come back for a surgery later in the year.

Perran Moon has opened a survey which people can fill out to give their experience and feedback. *of Storm Goretti*

Along with Perran Moon working on the larger issues like rural connectivity. Operators need to work together so there is more signal in the area. Mawnan Parish needs to create an action plan and way to respond to emergencies. There was nowhere to go, the Memorial Hall was closed, no services that could've been offered if they had opened it but it does have the ability to have a hub. However provisions need to be made so that services can be provided if the community gets completely cut off. Generators, sat phones, batteries, flasks, torches, gas stoves need to be purchased and stored for emergencies. Individuals need to get an emergency kit in place for when this happens again.

The community needs to create a committee that includes members of the public, the parish council emergency committee and members of the hall and other facilities.

Hannah Christophers spoke about the importance of having an emergency plan for when systems fail. A copy of her speech is at the end of the minutes.

One member of the council had experienced an emergency the night of the storm and the first responders that could get to her were the village ones and they had to get to her by climbing over trees.

One Cllr questioned whether people cutting trees and clearing roads at Penwarne should receive a donation in thanks from the parish council. Cllrs aren't sure they aren't getting paid. There has been a lot of free wood and its hard to make gifts of cash to members of the public for works carried out not commissioned by them. There is no legislative power under which the council ca make these sorts of donations.

1. **Vote** to re-establish the committee and decide on meeting date/ next steps

PROPOSED Cllr Potter, SECONDED Cllr Whibley, RESOLVED to re-establish the emergency committee within the parish council and establish a community action group and get a date in place for a public meeting where it can be formed as soon as clerk can get hall availability. All in favour.

2526.2 SID

1. Review data

The data shows a 4-5 mph increase in traffic speed whilst the SID has been on stealth mode the last two months.

2. Update on relocation

Viv Bidgood has confirmed the SID is a 'mobile speed activated sign' and therefore regulations suggest signs should be moved between locations regularly. However Cllrs wanted a permanent sign and only got a solar one so it could be moved at a later date if the pavement was installed. And in doing that it means it is classed as something that sits underneath a different set of regulations. Viv has been in contact to say, whilst he recommends that guidelines are followed, it is down to the parish as to whether they choose to follow them. A suitable location has been found and the council are waiting on agreement from 1 Lowenna Fields on the new location of their asking and they have until the end of the month.

3. Vote on switching sign from stealth mode to normal mode

Cllrs discuss between 8am-9am and 3pm-7pm statistically children and younger people are more likely to be killed or seriously injured so the SID must be back on for those hours. . There is an argument carrying it on for longer hours because of the elderly moving around the village and to classes/ events at the hall.

Proposed Cllr Moyle, Seconded Cllr Potter, resolved to switch the SID back on permanently so it lights up from 7am to 7pm and switch it onto stealth mode from 7pm- 7am with a seasonal variation of hours. All in favour.

2526.206 BURIALS MEETING

1. **Vote** on recommendations from Burials Committee **ITEM 3**

Cllrs ran through the list of recommendations from the Dec 2025 Burials Committee meeting draft minutes.

Cllr Whibley raised the plastic waste and dog waste being put in the compost bin at the graveyard and asked if getting a waste bin was an option. Clerk said she had a sign to go on the bin 'no plastic, no dog waste' so Cllrs decided to see if that makes a difference to behaviour.

Proposed Cllr Potter, Seconded Cllr Morris resolved to agree all the recommendations of the burials committee meeting dated Dec 15th 2025. All in favour.

2526.207 ANY OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There are a few but nothing urgent or problematic.

2526.208 VACANCIES FOR CO-OPTION

Sarah Mason, resident of the village for over 35 years, stood for co-option. She was the parish clerk in the 90's and has just retired from 25yrs of local council and administration work with CALC, and wants to put some of that knowledge back into the local council.

Proposed Cllr Potter, Seconded Cllr Stabbins, resolved to co-opt Sarah Mason onto the parish council. All in favour.

2526.209 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT HAS COME IN SINCE THE AGENDA WENT OUT

Cllr Biggin requested approval for two pieces of expenditure for Mawnan Park. Andrew Bane to install the posts and spikes that will repair the chain-link fence. The quote is £250.

Proposed Cllr Biggin, Seconded Cllr Stabbins, resolved to commission Andrew Bate to install 6 fence posts and repair the chain-link fence as per his quote for £250. All in favour.

Cllr Biggin also asked for permission to ask for the annual play inspection at Mawnan Park to be done in March when the new zipwire will be installed so it can include the new equipment- as this needs to be done before the public can use it. This is an added extra so increased cost will be £350 in total (including annual report).

Proposed Cllr Biggin, Seconded Cllr Morris, resolved to commission the playground inspection company to carry out the inspection in March. All in favour.

Clerk also asked if the council could purchase Mail Merge Tools- which help with the email newsletters and enable attachments to be sent- at a cost of £2.50 per month. All in favour.

Proposed Cllr Potter, Seconded Cllr Biggin, resolved to purchase Mail Merge Tools as requested by the clerk for bulk email and attachment sending. All in favour.

2526.210 TO AGREE RESPONSES REQUIRED TO ANY CORRESPONDANCE

1. Meudon Woodland Planting

Cllrs discussed the proposal from Ben Griffin, the council's woodland project officer, to put a new permissive path from Carwinion Road through to Meudon Farm and also connect with the path from Carlidnack Lane. Comments were around the surface of the footpath

treatment with regards to accessibility, seating along with bins (who is funding it and does it include items such as seating etc) and who will look after the saplings and maintain the woodland? Cllrs were also concerned that all the residents that back onto the scheme are consulted.

ACTION: Clerk to reply to Ben Griffin to ask questions.

2. PSPO Renewal (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places) 2026
Cllrs decided not to move forward with this for Mawnan Park. If drinking or broken glass does become a bigger issue signs can go up and other options explored.

2526.211 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ANY NOTED ENVIRONMENT ISSUES INCLUDING TRAFFIC, ROADS, FOOTPATHS & COUNTRYSIDE

1. Grebe is completely cut off and there is no known date for it being open again. Cllrs are keen it is reopened as soon as possible.
2. Footpath 35 Bar Road to Bar Beach is completely unusable with no news of when it could be opened. There needs to be signage each end and the path closure needs to be on a map. Cllr Potter said there is evidence people have been trying to get onto the path through Ridifarne's garden.
3. Carlidnack Lane to Maenporth, through Meudon woods is open but there are three large trees that need to be navigated/ climbed over to get through.
4. Cllr Stabbins reported that the CAP meeting on January 13th focused on health and welfare. Minutes are at the bottom of this document.
5. Cllr Stabbins reported that the HMC latest meeting focused on the effects that climate change is having on the Helford, and the work that is going on with The Wildlife Trust and Natural England. Clean Ocean Sailing are looking for business premises so they need to speak to the local farmers or people with large yards or mixed use premises. There is also an AGM on the 21st March at Gweek Village.

Is still being used.

(A) Cllr Whibley to check up with Perry re signage.

ACTION: Cllr Whibley to check that footpath 35 is signed and closed.

2526.212 MATTERS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN

2526.213 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The council resolves under the 1960 Public Bodies Act to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of items to be discussed.

26 Homes at Castle View Park

The potential application and consultation has been cancelled due to the residents of Castle View Park agreeing a purchase price with the land owner.

2526.214 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING 17th February 7pm.

X



Guy Potter
Chair

ITEM list

- 1 Minutes of meeting 16th December 2025
- 2 SID data
- 3 Burials Committee Draft Minutes Dec meeting
- 4 Emails re Meudon Woodland Planting
- 5 PSPO Renewal (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places) 2026
- 6 Confidential Item Information

Current bank balances

- Nationwide £48,343.60
- Current account £92,291.60
- Deposit account £9,312.96
- CPFT £12,639.44
- JPFT £11,416.13

Spending Dec

Item	Cost Centre	Supplier	What	VAT £	Total £	Paid?
188	Graveyard Maintenance	Robbie	Nov maintenance + extra cuts		584.00	Y
189	Toilets- Utility Charges	WaterPlus	Oct-Nov Water charges		92.81	Y
195 + 196	Toilets Electric	EDF	Final payments	7.15	150.01	Y
194	IT support	Objective IT services	Nov support	27.44	164.64	Y
183	Bank charges	Lloyds	Account charges		4.25	Y
197	Phone and Internet	BT	Phone and internet Nov/Dec	6.99	41.96	Y
199	Clerk salary	Mel Mercer	Wages Nov 29 hours overtime		1668.09	Y
200	Clerk PAYE and NI	HMRC	PAYE and NI		252.27	Y
198	Clerk and PC Pension contribution	NEST	Clerk £101.05 PC contribution £141.50		242.55	Y
193	Toilet Cleaning	Passmore	Nov Charge	65.00	390.00	Y
210	Office Admin	Adobe	Acrobat Pro	3.33	19.97	210
190	Carwinion Playing Field Project	Mei Loci	3rd instalment CCF project 90% paid	1496.00	8976.00	Y
187	Carwinion Playing Field Project	University of Exeter	Survey creation, online running and analysis	1208.40	7250.40	Y
191	Green spaces	R Sanders	October cut Forgot to send invoice	155.00	930.00	Y
192	Green Spaces	R Sanders	Nov Cut	131.40	788.40	Y
201	Allowances	Potager Garden Café	Voucher for Cllr Biggin		25.00	Y
202	Allowances	Trenance Chocolate	Chocolates for Cllr Biggin	1.16	6.95	Y

203	Misc Expenses	Village Shop	Coffee, tea, mince pies etc for meetings	0.65	27.22	Y
204	Toilets- supplies	Kernow Clinical	Toilet rolls	5.00	25.00	Y
205	Postages	Post Office	Burials postages		9.25	Y
206	Parish Council Websites	Webhost UK	Hosting	9.48	56.87	Y
207	Donations and grants	Pendennis Brass	Agreed donation		50.00	Y
208	Training	CALC	Code of conduct Cllr Shepherd	5.50	33.00	Y
209	Junior Playing Field	Greenside	Tree works	410	2460.00	Y
			Total	3532.50	24248.64	

Receipts Dec/ Jan

Item	Cost Centre	Supplier	What	VAT £	Total £
R28	Burial Fees	Interment R Hughes	2 nd Interment Fee		200.00
R29	Mawnan Park Nature Garden Crowdfunder	Crowdfunder	1 st payment of raised funds		3641.20
R30	Mawnan Park Nature Garden Crowdfunder	Crowdfunder	2nd payment of raised funds		444.57
R31	Mawnan Park Nature Garden Crowdfunder	Crowdfunder	3rd payment of raised funds		576.54
R32	Mawnan Park Nature Garden Crowdfunder	Crowdfunder	4th payment of raised funds		300.00
R33	Burial Fees	H Rogers	Bunyan Memorial		25.00
R34	Mawnan Park Nature Garden Crowdfunder	Crowdfunder CCNF match	5th payment of raised funds		4700.00
			Total	0	£9887.31

Payments/ To approve for January

Item	Cost Centre	Supplier	What	VAT £	Total £	Paid?
223	JPF inspection	SWPSi	Dec JPF inspection	9	54.00	N
211	Toilets- Utility Charges	WaterPlus	Dec Water charges		92.11	Y
213	Toilets Electric	YU Energy	Dec invoice	0.38	7.95	Y
220	IT support	Objective IT services	Dec support	27.44	164.64	N
TBC	Bank charges	Lloyds	Account charges		4.25	N
221	Phone and Internet	BT	Phone and internet Nov/Dec	6.99	41.96	N
222	Toilet Cleaning	Passmore	Dec Charge	65.00	390.00	N
TBC	Office Admin	Adobe	Acrobat Pro	3.33	19.97	N
218	Carwinion Playing Field Project	Mei Loci	Final instalment CCF project 90% paid	299.20	1795.20	N
217	Storage	We Store	2026 charges	39.60	237.60	N

219	Green spaces	R Sanders	Dec cut	105.00	630.00	N
216	Subscriptions	Starboard Systems	Scribe 2026	116.06	696.38	N
215	Training	CALC	Finance Cllr Shepherd	7.00	42.00	N
214	Legal	ICO	Data Protection Fee		47.00	Y
212	Junior Playing Field	Wynnstay	New fence posts, spikes, washers	16.26	92.11	Y
231	Carwinion Playing Field CCF project	Royal Mail	Survey freepost returns envelopes	2.72	16.32	N
230	Graveyard Maintenance	Robbie's garden services	Dec maintenance + extra cut + leaf clearance		634.00	N
228	Office Electric	Memorial Hall	Sept- Dec	10.40	218.34	N
229	Post Office	Memorial Hall	Sept- Dec		540	N
227	Meeting Room hire	Memorial Hall	Sept- Dec		156.00	N
226	Clerk Salary	Melissa Mercer	Wages Dec hours		1296.49	N
225	Clerk and PC Pension contribution	NEST	Clerk £73.75 PC contribution £103.25		177.00	N
224	Clerk PAYE and NI	HMRC	PAYE and NI		104.76	N
232	Grants	Mawnan Memorial Hall	Grant for new cooker hood		399.99	N
233	Grants	Mawnan Community Garden	Grant for cordless strimmer		314.00	N
234	Grants	Mawnan Cricket Club	Grant for lining and roof repair		789.00	N
235	Grants	Friends of Abbeyfield	Grant towards armchairs		500.00	N
			Total	£708.38	£8164.58	

Mawnan Parish Council

Prepared by: M. Moss CLERK Date: 20/1/26
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: Guy Potter (CHAIR) Date: 20/1/26
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Bank Reconciliation at 31/12/2025		
Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		82,678.52
ADD		
Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/12/2025		155,760.47
		238,438.99
SUBTRACT		
Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/12/2025		92,990.08
A Cash in Hand 31/12/2025		145,448.91
		(per Cash Book)
Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
Petty Cash	31/12/2025	0.00
Current Account - Lloyds	31/12/2025	87,788.10
Deposit Account - Lloyds	31/12/2025	9,317.21
95 Day Saver Account - Nationwide	30/09/2025	48,343.60
		145,448.91
Less unpresented payments		145,448.91
Plus unpresented receipts		
B Adjusted Bank Balance		145,448.91
A = B Checks out OK		

County Councillor Report Anna Thomason-Kenyon**Division: Mabe, Mawnan & Constantine****Date of Report: 16th December 2025****Parish Council: Mawnan****Reporting Period: 16th December 2025 to 20th January 2026**

County Councillor Statement – Mabe, Mawnan & Constantine Division

Chair, Councillors, and Residents,

I'm sorry I cannot attend this evening's meeting, as I am required at the Full Council Meeting in County Hall. Like many across Cornwall, I also was severely affected by Storm *Goretti*. My area lost power, internet, phone access, and water, and fallen trees and storm debris blocked the roads out of my village. This meant I was unable to contact the Parish Council until **Saturday 10 January**. Please be assured I made it a priority to all the Parish Clerks within my Division, including Mawnan.

When I spoke with the Mawnan Parish Clerk, I was reassured to hear that no one had been injured and that the parish was coping well with the immediate aftermath — despite some storm damage to trees, including one that had fallen onto the roof of a bungalow on Penwarne Road. With confirmation that residents were safe and the parish was managing the situation, and with meetings already scheduled for **Monday 12 January**, I was unable to get to Mawnan until **Tuesday 13 January** to assess for myself the aftermath of the storm. Whilst there I also spoke to the resident of the neighbouring property about the tree which had fallen onto the roof of the bungalow situated on Penwarne Road for assurance that they had not sustained any injury. I hope residents will understand the constraints I was under, as I too was dealing with significant storm impacts at home.

Please be assured that the only reason it may have appeared that I was late in getting in touch was because I simply did not have the means to do so until power, communication, and safe access were restored.

I remain fully committed to representing Mawnan and supporting the parish through the ongoing recovery,

MP Meeting Notification

A Storm *Goretti* Community Feedback Forum was held in Mawnan by Perran Moon MP on **Saturday 17 January** between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. I did not receive notification of this meeting until **5.01pm**, when an email was sent by the Mawnan Parish Clerk after the event had finished.

Although there is no legal requirement for an MP to notify the local Cornwall Councillor of public meetings held within their division, I want to be clear that—had I

been made aware in time—I would have attended. Supporting residents across Mawnan, Mabe and Constantine is a responsibility I take extremely seriously, and attending such forums helps ensure collaborative working with our MP and strengthens representation for local people. My absence was solely due to the timing of the notification, and not a lack of willingness or commitment to be present.

Should such a meeting be held again, I would welcome early notification so I am able to attend and support residents.”

Councillor Enquiry made to Highways on Storm Gorette Response and Future Preparedness

Going Forward I had been in contacted with the Highways Department last week to seek clarity on the emergency protocols that were followed during **Storm Gorette**, and to understand how these procedures will improved and applied in future severe weather events for residents.

Using Storm Gorette as an example, I asked Highways to outline:

- **What emergency response measures were activated,**
- **How decisions were made regarding road closures, debris clearance and flood management,** and
- **How communication with councillors and residents was handled during the incident.**

Given the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather linked to **ongoing climate-change impacts**, my requested included information on whether these protocols are being **reviewed or updated** to ensure readiness for similar events in the future and requested the inclusion of any planned improvements to response times, resource deployment, or community communication. reply:

Cornwall Council is reviewing and strengthening several areas of its emergency storm protocols. Improvements include faster and clearer multi-agency coordination, with emergency tactical groups activated earlier and more consistently, alongside increased capacity within the Emergency Management Team, who are enhancing 24/7 response arrangements and expanding the pool of Emergency Support Assistants to help during major incidents. Communication processes are also being reviewed to ensure councillors and residents receive timely, accurate updates, particularly where rural communities experienced outages and information gaps during Storm Gorette. Highways are examining how to build greater resilience into their response, following the unprecedented scale of fallen trees and damage across the network, which highlighted the need for additional surge capacity and improved prioritisation of clearance operations. At a strategic level, the Council is also reinforcing its long-term climate adaptation commitments, recognising the likelihood

of more frequent severe weather events and embedding resilience planning into its wider climate and nature-recovery priorities. Additionally, improvements have been identified around safeguarding, school-closure communication, and wider community welfare arrangements following the impacts seen across education and care services during the storm.

If the Parish does already have an Emergency Action Plan in place, I would be grateful if this could be shared for wider community awareness; if not, further guidance on developing one can be found on Cornwall Council's Emergency Management page: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/emergency-management/>.

Road Closures in Mawnan

Having spoken to the Highways Dept At present there is no confirmed timeframe for when all roads in Mawnan will fully reopen. Highways have advised that the Falmouth–Penryn area experienced the highest number of fallen trees in Cornwall, with over 200 reported locally and further unassessed hazards still being identified. This means our rural network is taking longer to make safe. Maenporth Road remains closed due to structural damage and the risk of further tree fall, while Carlidnack/Bereppa and parts of No Man's Land are also affected. Highways are prioritising strategic routes first before moving on to rural roads, and given the unprecedented scale of damage, some closures are likely to remain in place for an extended period.

Community Highway Improvement Program (CHIP) Funding

I would like to advise the Parish Council that, as your Cornwall Councillor, I am able to submit a expression of interest application to the Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP) **only with the formal agreement of the Parish Council**. Following recent discussions with Highways, I have explored potential measures to help address the ongoing speeding issues in Mawnan, including the installation of **white village gateways, enhanced speed signage, and dragon-teeth road markings** to reinforce speed reduction on key approach routes. I would be grateful if the Parish could please consider this proposal at the meeting on **20 January**, and let me know afterwards if you would like me to progress the submission on your behalf.

Carwinion Playing Field Masterplan

May I take this opportunity to congratulate Mawnan Parish Council and everyone involved in the Carwinion Playing Field Masterplan for their hard work, dedication, and vision. The presentation delivered at the last parish council meeting was both

comprehensive and genuinely engaging, clearly reflecting the significant effort and thoughtful planning that has gone into this project. It was encouraging to see such a well-considered approach to shaping the future of this important community space.

Closing Note

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. I truly value our ongoing partnership and remain committed to working closely with you all to support Mawnan and its residents.

My warmest regards.

Submitted by: Anna Thomason-Kenyon

County Councillor for Mabe, Mawnan & Constantine

Cllr.Anna.Thomason-Kenyon@cornwall.gov.uk

I am proposing the creation of a new Community Interest Company (CIC) with one clear aim: to bring Mawnan Smith out of surviving and into thriving.

I have over 25 years of experience in the care industry, and I work with emergency contingency planning on a daily basis for my own support company. This knowledge can be brought directly into the CIC to provide safety, reassurance, and ongoing support for the people of Mawnan — not only during emergencies, but consistently throughout the year.

The responsibility for supporting Mawnan Smith does not sit with one person or one council — it belongs to all of us. This CIC would identify and bring together the skills already within our community: volunteers, carers, support workers, first aiders, and residents with practical knowledge and resources. Our village must be able to act as its own first point of support when systems fail.

The CIC would offer free care and support to residents, including welfare checks, support following hospital discharge, and practical guidance to address hazards before they become medical emergencies. The CIC would help residents remain safe and well during events such as power cuts by providing access to equipment and practical resources.

The Memorial Hall is already a valued asset; my aim is to make it a true community hub. During emergencies, it would be a clearly recognised and trusted place for residents to go for support. Through the CIC, funding could be assessed to invest in generators, solar panels, emergency kits, torches, blankets, an emergency phone, and the ability to provide hot meals and drinks. The hall would become the first point of contact for anyone needing help — in emergencies and as a year-round source of community support.

Many people, particularly older residents and those with additional needs, find it difficult to ask for help. Breaking down that barrier is essential. By creating a single, welcoming, and accessible point of support, we can bring together people from all walks of life, drawing on lived experience, skills, and local knowledge.

I want to stress that I am not asking the parish council for financial support. I am seeking a partnership and collaboration — a way for the CIC to work together with the parish council, the local council, and other relevant bodies to bridge the gap between our local community and services. This collaboration would help ensure that vulnerable people are identified, supported, and connected to appropriate services before, during, and after emergencies. By working in partnership, we can create a resilient, community-led safety net, where the village is empowered, supported, and ready to respond when it matters most.

Thank you

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Action Notes

Meeting	Falmouth and Penryn Community Area Partnership (CAP)
Date and time	13 January 2026 (6.30-8.45pm)
Location	Microsoft Teams
Attendance and apologies	See attendance list attached

Item	Notes
1.	<p>Introduction and Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. All present at the meeting and online introduced themselves.</p>
2.	<p>Declaration Of Interests No interests were declared.</p>
3.	<p>Public Participation There was no public participation.</p>
4.	<p>Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust <u>Neighbourhood Health and the NHS 10 year plan</u> Derek Thomas, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provided a presentation and update on the Neighbourhood Health and NHS 10 Year Plan. The Presentation can be viewed here: NHS Neighbourhood Health Presentation</p> <p>Questions/Answers/Comments: Q. Are all GP Practices using Brave AI? A. Yes, but for people to be part of our Integrated Neighbourhood Team Transformation Programme and bid for funding they have to have signed up to Brave AI. Falmouth and Penryn are using it already and it is being used as a Primary Care Network (PCN) so GP Practices will be able to use it.</p> <p>Q. Does Brave AI scan the whole of a person's profile? A. The Commissioning Support Unit undertake the data profiling, and it can be asked different questions. Every PCN can ask it a different set of questions and our focus at present is on frailty and the older population. Currently looking at how to protect and work with people deemed as frail and over 65 and not in crisis, from becoming in crisis.</p> <p>Q. Regarding Ageing Well, I understand it's a needs assessment orientated model. Who decides the needs and how, and how is this linked to Brave AI? A. The Multi Agency Teams review with people what their needs are and where and how they would wish to receive their care and this should be guided by individuals and their loved ones. The Dracaena Centre deliver early help support in an integrated multi agency way.</p> <p>Comment: In relation to Preferred Place of Death (PPOD) this can be quite a fearsome task for individuals and loved ones to face up to. Empowering people to make these choices can provide a spiritual comfort to them, as well as the bereaved. I would encourage everyone to face up to this.</p> <p>Q. I am missing the preventative approach. There seems to be no preventative treatment, medication or dental care? With age, dental care becomes so important as it can lead to a poor diet and gastric issues.</p>

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A. We have received feedback from other teams that there is not enough focus on mental health and younger people as well. Ideally, we would want to ensure we cover everything including dental and preventative agendas. In regard to the preventative agenda, totally agree we need to be doing more in that space, but this is a starting point. We are doing some work around metabolic health focusing on diabetes in particular and how to support people to move out of diabetes into a healthy space. Working with colleagues in Active Cornwall to support people to 'get moving' and working with local voluntary organisations with a similar ethos. Dental care is really challenging as commissioning for the Neighbourhood Teams is separate.

Falmouth Community Hospital

Tamsyn Anderson, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provided feedback regarding Falmouth Hospital to CAP Members.

Continue to have a provisional date sometime in May when the hospital may have heating works underway.

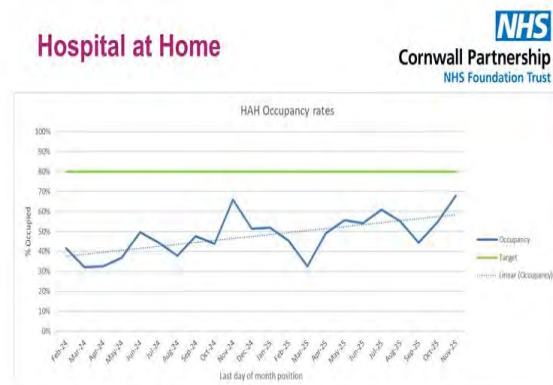
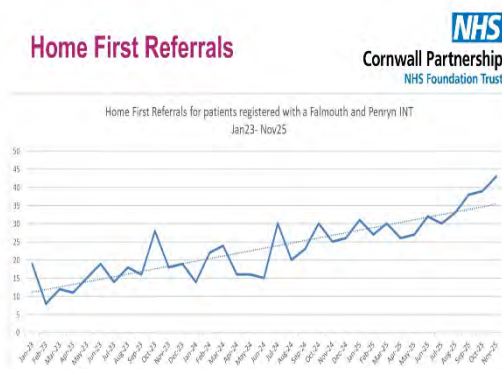
We are part of the model of care that sits alongside the reform programmes that Derek touched on, around what is the support offer for people in their own homes, end of life support and death plan which are all so important for people and families.

The recent storm has been a huge challenge and has tested our plan this last week. It has put our services through their paces with some responding well and others needing work to improve. Looking how to best support vulnerable people when they lose their utilities (electricity/gas/water) and have no heating and water etc. This has been a huge learning curve and has highlighted the gaps that need to be addressed.

Questions/Answers/Comments:

Q. One of the big problems of getting a person back into their home, or keeping them there when there is no family to provide support, inadequate housing etc. How will this be overcome?

A. There has been an increase in people in the Falmouth area being cared for in their own home with a number of reablement services involved with the focus on keeping people as independent as possible. The reablement services support people home from hospital as soon as possible and re able them.



The Hospital at Home slide refers to county wide occupancy but is going up across the board as there is a rise in the Hospital to Home Service.

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	<p>Q. ER explained that each CAP area has an action plan to help deliver priorities of which one is Health & Wellbeing. What do you feel could go into the action plan that Town & Parish Councils and other organisations that attend the CAP could help support with the aims and ambitions that you have?</p> <p>A. The Comms Team undertake lots of community engagement events to identify what people are telling us and want and would like to see these included in the CAP action plans in terms of supporting, attending and promoting these.</p> <p>We are really keen to hear from a broader range of people, especially younger people. Education is key and helping people understand where they can get the treatment, they need closest to home as people don't always need to see a GP.</p> <p>The more we can share and communicate with you, the more the CAP can help get people involved and make a real difference to our communities.</p> <p>Comment: 99% of the village I live in lost power during the storm and a Community Centre opened up to offer food, drinks, a place to charge devices and showers etc. Community Hubs are so important and need to be supported, especially in case of an emergency.</p> <p>Community Emergency Planning for local communities is high on the agenda at present following the storm.</p> <p>Mabe Parish Council has a robust Emergency Plan in place, and it was suggested this could be shared to highlight good practice and support other Parishes to develop a plan.</p> <p>A concern was raised regarding how people are identified as being vulnerable in their local community as it can very much depend on the situation. The Utility Companies have their Vulnerable/Priority Customer lists and people might be identified through a health/medical need but in an emergency such as the storm others might be in a vulnerable position too.</p> <p>Tamsyn Anderson responded and agreed that although companies and organisations have their lists, people still fall through the net. Brave AI will really support with segmentation and stratification and help identify who we think could be at risk.</p>
5.	<p>Updates from other local health services</p> <p>Siobhan Florence, Dracaena Centre provided an update on the Community Health & Wellbeing Workers Service (CHWWs) which is based at the Dracaena Centre.</p> <p>There is a lot of partnership work happening at the Dracaena Centre which makes it a well-known local community hub for a lot of local people.</p> <p>Through the PCN there is a Wellbeing Team onsite but in a separate building and this is funded by the NHS. They work with the 4 local GP Surgeries and take referrals. If a person is struggling with their mental health or wellbeing they can see/speak to their GP and ask for a referral straight to the Wellbeing Team. Patients attend through a referral and are then triaged and assigned to the relevant Health & Wellbeing Coach. It's very much a holistic approach to help support a person with various issues that may be attributing to their poor mental health or wellbeing. They can also be signposted to other services that can provide support such as Housing, Drug & Alcohol Teams etc.</p> <p>The CHWWs is quite a new project going into its 3rd year in March. For information on this service please follow the link: Community Health and Wellbeing Workers - Volunteer Cornwall</p>

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	<p>Both projects are funded through the NHS with the Wellbeing Team through the PCN. The project has clearly demonstrated the need for the service and the funding for this is looking sustainable.</p> <p>The CHWW project is also funded by the NHS, but the funding comes to Volunteer Cornwall who then divide it out to the various Community Hubs who directly employ the workers.</p> <p>Zoe Woods, CC Family Hub Area Coordinator provided an introduction to the Family Hub at The Park and The Lighthouse on Old Hill.</p> <p>The Park will be moving to the old Grammar School, Tregenvor Road, Falmouth in mid-February. The Hubs work very closely with the Dracaena Centre and Healthy Cornwall. The Family Help Team will signpost to relevant services. Maternity services are gradually integrating into the hubs, and the Health Visitors are based there too, and this supports people to start building networks in their local community.</p>
6.	<p>CAP Action Plan & Sub-groups update</p> <p>Esther Richmond provided feedback to the CAP from the Transport and Connectivity sub-group and Community Highways Improvement Programme.</p> <p>There was a meeting yesterday of the CAP Transport and Connectivity sub-group with constructive conversations. A representative from University of Exeter attended and talked about their sustainability travel plans and the monitoring work they have been undertaking looking at how people travel, the mode of transport used and the distance travelled. It is hoped to have updated active travel information available for students and other people moving to have an awareness of what public services are available so there is not a reliance on cars.</p> <p>Active travel was one area discussed creating a wish list of potential projects needed for transport and connectivity within the CAP area should there be any funding opportunities available.</p> <p>Discussed the Beryl Bikes and the frequency of use - Cllr Evans is currently linking in with the scheme in terms of the journeys travelled etc.</p> <p>Also talked about improving connectivity and public rights of way as well as local planning developments needing to take connectivity in consideration.</p> <p>Reliance of EV Charging Points – can the National Grid accommodate additional need.</p> <p>Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP) – a sum of money allocated to this CAP area over a 3-year period and each of the Town & Parishes and Cornwall Councillors have been asked to make one submission in what improvements they would like to see. To date 6 submissions have been received.</p>
7.	<p>Smartphone Free Schools</p> <p>Emily Hudson, Regional Leader for Smartphone Free Childhood in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly provided a presentation on Smartphone Free Schools which can be viewed here: Smartphone Free Schools Presentation</p> <p>PC Paul Stevenson, Youth Police Officer for the Falmouth & Penryn area spoke about the importance of the project and how everybody has a duty to safeguard young people. He explained that he is involved in issues on a daily basis of bullying and abuse that takes place online using a smartphone. PC Stevenson delivers internet safety and internet law to schools right across the age groups and the content young people are saying they are viewing is horrendous and of great concern. This conversation needs to be promoted to all schools to try and promote change to protect young people.</p>

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	<p>Rosie, a Cornwall Council Youth Council Representative provided the view of the Youth Council's on the initiative.</p> <p>The Youth Council had a debate on this issue at a recent Youth Council Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year at Redruth School there was a lock down due to a student being threatened. The students at the time didn't know what was happening and if they were in danger and were using their smartphones to message family members sending what they thought could perhaps be their last message. This enabled them to keep family updated as the incident progressed. • Concerns were raised that banning smartphones wouldn't necessarily stop bullying and that it could then turn more physical. Some of the Youth Council members had either seen or been subject to the fights themselves. • Teachers can have phones, and this isn't setting a good example. • Safety concerns – getting to and from school and managing public transport or walk home without a smartphone could be dangerous or challenging. <p>There was a discussion regarding the use of smartphones in school.</p> <p>Eveleen Riordan, CC Service Director, Education and Community Health clarified that schools do have some autonomy in this, and each Head Teacher and Governing Body sets its own policy. While other professionals or voluntary organisations may be able to advise schools, the decision is down to each school individually. All schools in Cornwall operate some form of mobile free approach during school hours but there are different models within this. From a statutory perspective there isn't a mandated national ban at present but there is a strong political rhetoric and guidance that encourages restrictions on mobile/smartphone use among children and young people. We should also be listening to the voices of young people and their view. Children of today have grown up in a world of digital technology and mobile/smartphones and don't know any different.</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Walkden, Falmouth Town Councillor and Dean Evans, CC Penryn agreed to ask both Town Councils if they would agree to a meeting with the Falmouth and Penryn Head Teachers asking them to consider their school becoming smartphone free.</p>
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting 24th March 2026</p> <p>Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young People Priority • Falmouth & Penryn CAP Strategy

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Falmouth & Penryn Community Area Partnership - Attendance List¹

Representatives		
Cornwall Councillor	Electoral Division	Record of Attendance
Cllr Anna Thomason-Kenyon CC	Constantine, Mabe and Mawnan	Present
Cllr Alan Rowe	Falmouth Penwerris	Absent
Cllr David Saunby CC	Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock	Apologies
Cllr Laurie Magowan CC	Falmouth Arwenack	Absent
Cllr Debra Clegg CC	Falmouth Boslowick	Apologies
Cllr Ruth Gripper CC	Mylor, Perranarworthal and Ponsanooth	Present
Cllr Dean Evans CC	Penryn	Present
Town & Parish Councillor	Parish / Town Council (NR = Named representative)	
John Bastin	Budock Parish Council (NR)	Present
Phil Burnett	Budock Parish Council	Present
Jon Stowell	Falmouth Town Council (NR)	Absent
Jackie Walkden	Falmouth Town Council	Present
Rachel Killick	Mylor Parish Council (NR)	Absent
Barbara Hewett-Silk	Mabe Parish Council (NR)	Absent
Bea Galke	Mabe Parish Council	Present
Paul Simmons	Mabe Parish Council	Present
Manice Stabbins	Mawnan Parish Council (NR)	Present
Ashley Bridges	Perranarworthal Parish Council (NR)	Absent
Darren Willcocks	Ponsanooth Parish Council (NR)	Apologies
Sinead Hanks	Penryn Town Council (NR)	Apologies
Chris Painter	Constantine Parish Council (NR)	Present
Representatives from other Organisations/Members of the Public		
Stuart Douglas	Perranwell Community Speedwatch	Apologies
Anna Brown	Falmouth University	Absent
Catriona Taylor	University of Exeter	Absent
David Ronchetti	Walking and Cycling Group	Absent
Kate Springfield	Dracaena Centre	Absent
Siobhan Florence	Dracaena Centre	Present
Matthew Thomson	Pendennis Leisure	Absent
Inspector Rick Milburn	Devon & Cornwall Police	Absent
PC Paul Stevenson	Devon & Cornwall Police	Present
Kirstie Edwards	Voluntary Sector Forum	Absent
Derek Thomas	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Present
Tamsyn Anderson	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Present
Emma Hart	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Present
Rosie	Youth Council	Apologies
Emily Hudson	Smartphone Free Childhood	Present
Claire Lewis	Smartphone Free Childhood	Present
Cornwall Council Officers		
Esther Richmond	Community Link Officer	Present
Nikki Drewett	Community Support Assistant	Present
Eveleen Riordan	Service Director, Education and Community Health	Present
Marie Kerr	Chief People Officer	Apologies
Katie Ruddock	Children's Rights Participation Worker	Present
Zoe Woods	Area Family Hub Coordinator	Present

¹ Attendance record based on register signed by representatives at the meeting or apologies sent.



**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Smartphone free Schools.

Presentation to Community Area Partnership



Types of phone



Basic Phone

Calls, Texts and games



Smartphone

Full internet access, Social Media, Forward and rear facing camera/video camera, games, apps, calls and texts



Current situation with children and smartphones

27%

of **3 and 4 year-olds**
in the UK own their
own smartphone
this rises to 89% by
the age of 12.

35hrs

the average time
British teens spend on
their smartphone per
week



The status quo isn't working for anyone

94%

of parents think
smartphones
are harmful

Parentkind nationwide poll of 2,496
people, April 24

67%

of 16-18 year olds
think smartphones
are harmful

Parentkind poll, 2024

87%

of teachers agree for
teens the negatives
of smartphones
outweigh the
benefits

Teacher Tapp survey, 2025

SMARTPHONES DISRUPT LEARNING AND SLEEP

237

The average
teen gets 237
notifications a day.
It takes 23 minutes
to refocus

Common Sense Media 2023
Mark, University of California Irvine 2024



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Teacher discovers 9,000 WhatsApp messages from year 6 pupils in one night



Exposure to Harmful Content

Every child interviewed by media watchdog had watched violent material on the internet



Children browse the internet on mobile devices. Almost every leading tech firm was mentioned by those interviewed by Ofcom. Photograph: Radius Images/Alamy

“There’s peer pressure to pretend it’s funny,” one 11-year-old girl said. “You feel uncomfortable on the inside, but pretend it’s funny on the outside.”

The Guardian 15 March 2024



SMARTPHONES AFFECT ALL ASPECTS OF SCHOOL LIFE



ATTENTION

Bedtime use of smartphones doubles children's risk of poor sleep, hindering their learning



BULLYING

84% of bullying now takes place on a device, spilling into the school day



TRUANCY

In many schools children leave or skip lessons to reply to messages or watch videos



FIGHTS

Teachers tell us fights escalate more because students are filming them



SOCIALISING

Smartphones reduce face to face socialising at break and lunchtimes



CRIME

500 children a day were mugged in 2020 in the UK, almost all for smartphones



Items currently prohibited or controlled

Prohibited items

Harmful content in paper form

Video player showing harmful content.

Items likely to cause offence.

Age restricted items -cigarettes, alcohol, age rated films.

Addictive items

Expensive personal items

Toys/games

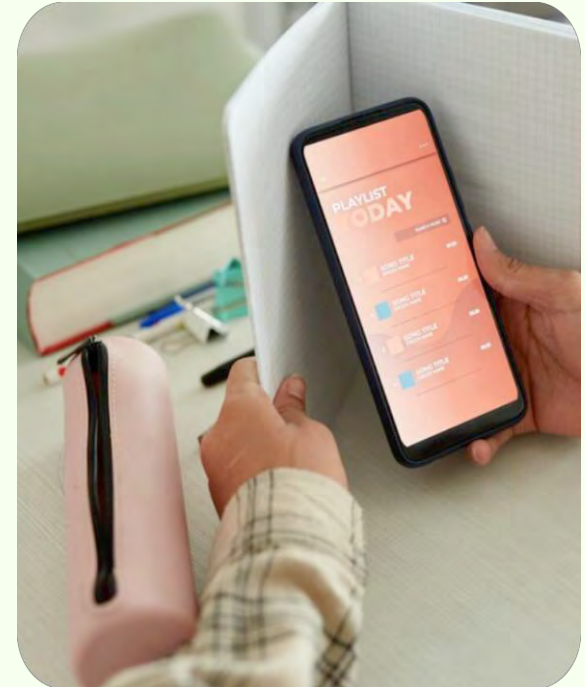
Computer or video games

Items controlled or managed

Cameras or video camcorders- used by staff with guidance

Strangers – Visitors are accompanied on the school site by a member of staff and chaperoned for the duration of visit.

Allowed items



Situation in Cornwall..

Of the 293 schools in Cornwall:

13 are fully smartphone free

3 provide lockable storage for all year groups during the lesson time

Currently most secondary schools tell pupils to have their phones switched off and in their bag

most primary schools tell pupils to hand their phone into a teacher or at the office.

Both policies mean that students are using smartphones whilst walking to school, on the school bus, in toilet cubicles, changing rooms and behind teacher's backs. Both policies contribute to peer pressure.

What about lockable pouches?



Pupils retain their smartphone and can still be distracted by notifications during lessons and can use the smartphone whilst walking to and from school.

Pouches cost £24 per pupil plus the cost of the unlocking magnets and annual subscription.

Pupils buy their own unlocking magnets off ebay or just lock away their calculator.

Pouches cement the idea that a smartphone ownership is expected

Doesn't tackle the social norm

A fully smartphone free school only allows pupils to bring a basic phone onto the premises. It challenges the social norm of early ownership and presents a neutral environment where children can focus on learning.

An exemption is made for pupils with Type 1 Diabetes as a smartphone is the only way to monitor their condition.



What is a fully Smartphone Free School and why does this matter?

A fully Smartphone Free School only allows basic phones onto school premises.



Neutral Environment

By only allowing basic phones onto school grounds it provides a neutral environment on the issue. Smartphones can't be shown off on the way to school or at the gates.



Protect mental health

When smartphones are removed from the school day, mental health improves² and cyber-bullying is reduced.



Improve behaviour

Many schools that have gone smartphone free have reported a significant improvement in behaviour across their school within weeks.

²https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4735240



Create safer spaces

By removing unsupervised access to phones during the school day, children can learn in a safer environment and are also safer on the journey to and from school.



Protect childhood

Without the pressure of constant notifications, children have the freedom to be children: they chat more, engage more and play more.



Safeguarding incidents report from a fully smartphone free school dropped by 60% in two years

**ACADEMIC YEAR
2021-2022**

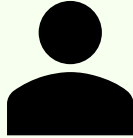
62 cases of sexual harassment or violence.

**ACADEMIC YEAR
2023-2024**

25 cases of sexual harassment or violence



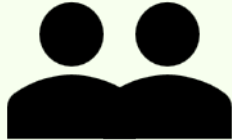
Isn't the decision to have a smartphone free school up to the headteacher or the Trust?



Primary
Headteachers

"I'd like to make my school smartphone free but I feel I can't make this decision alone, if the local secondary school did it, I would join in. It is parental choice"

"I bought my child a smartphone because all his friends had one, I didn't really want to but didn't want him to be bullied for being the odd one out. I worry about it, he uses it far too much and has less time for friends and hobbies "



Parents



Secondary
Headteachers

"I would like to ban smartphones in my school, but if all the yr7s coming into my school have had phones in primary school it is too difficult to bring this change in. It is up to the Primary Headteachers or the Multi Academy Trust Chief Executives to decide this for academy schools."



Multi Academy
Chief Executives

"I empower the Headteachers to make decisions for their own school community. It is up to the Headteachers to decide. If they wanted to pursue this we would support their choice."



Newquay Smartphone free schools collective action initiative.



In March 2025 a secondary school teacher approached Newquay Town Council and asked them to take the lead on this issue. Newquay Town Council voted in favour and invited the Headteachers from the Newquay Schools and the feeder primaries to a meeting.

At the meeting it was decided that the schools would act collectively and become fully smartphone free. The secondary schools are starting a rolling introduction in September 2026 and the primary schools are introducing the new policy this academic year.

Other areas in Cornwall..




In September 2025 Penzance Town Council voted to invite the Penzance Headteachers to a meeting about Smartphone Free Schools.



In October 2025 Truro City Council voted on inviting the schools in the parish to a meeting on this issue.

The offer of a presentation has gone out to all Community Area Partnerships from Hilary Frank, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families.

Following presentations to Camel Valley, Bodmin and Wadebridge Town Councils are both now taking action and inviting their Headteachers to a discussion.



Would you be able to
facilitate a discussion with
the headteachers in your
town/area?

**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Smartphone Free Childhood is a restricted fund under the auspices of Prism the Gift Fund, Charity Number 1099682.

Caring where it matters

Integrated **Neighbourhood** Teams
Falmouth and Penryn CAP



WHY DO THINGS NEED TO CHANGE?



Increasing
demand



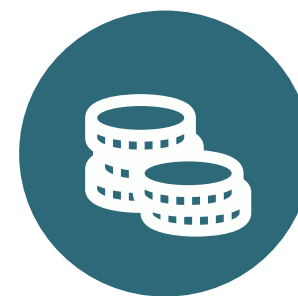
Workforce
challenges



Access
challenges



Specific health
challenges:
Frailty, End of
Life, Discharge
to Assess



Insufficient
investment in
primary &
community
services

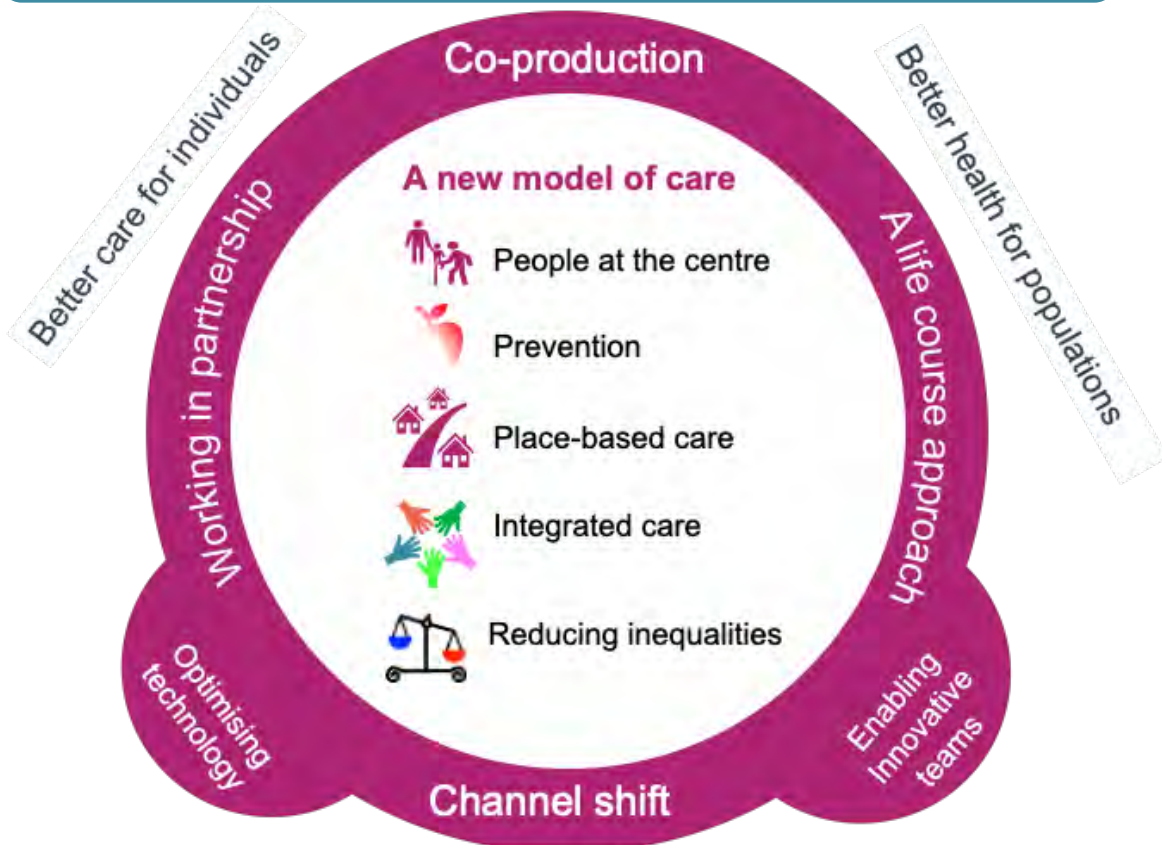


Overstretched
services

.....and the current predominantly reactive model is not able to respond

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Integrated Neighbourhood Teams



Sustainable use of NHS resources

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Proactive frailty model

End of life care

Discharge to assess

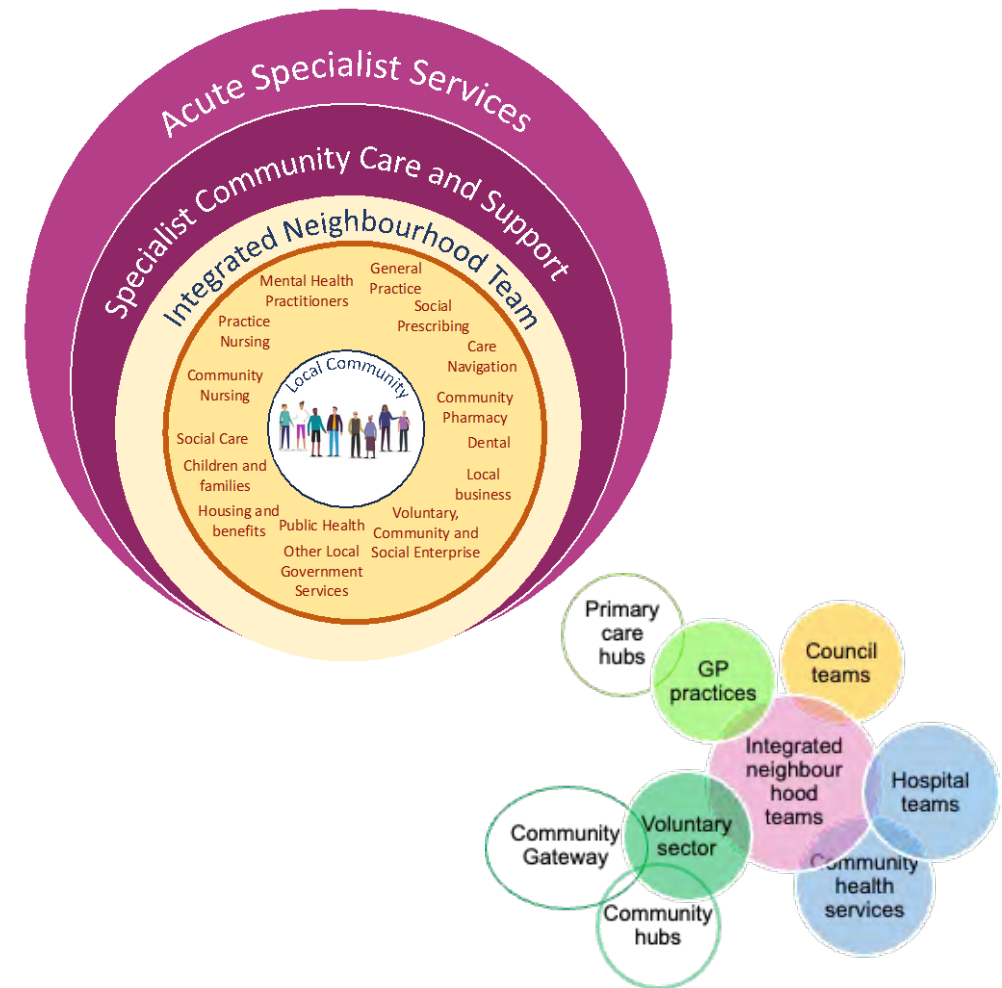
“Hospital to community”

“Treatment to Prevention”

“Analogue to Digital”

MOVING TOWARDS A MORE INTEGRATED MODEL BASED AROUND NATURAL COMMUNITIES

- Integrated Neighbourhood Teams **bring together everyone who cares for, or supports, a community.** They include staff from the NHS, Social Care and the voluntary sector.
- The team is **collectively responsible for improving the health and wellbeing** of everyone in the local community.
- The focus is on **delivering holistic, person-centred care** that is flexible, joined-up, proactive and preventative.





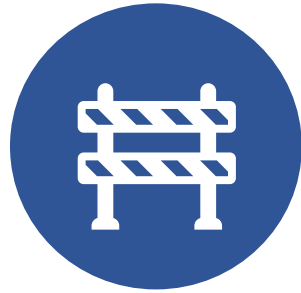
HOW WILL INTEGRATED NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS HELP?



Understanding local need



Preventing ill health



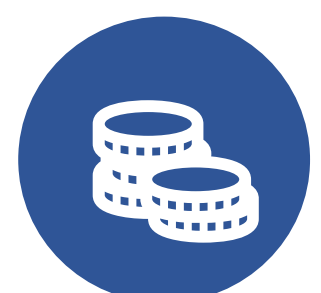
Removing barriers



Improving coordination and quality of care



Improving working days



Delivering the reform agenda and maximising use of resources



NHS Quadruple Aim

Confident and autonomous, integrated multidisciplinary teams rooted in a sense of shared ownership for improving the health and wellbeing of the population

WHAT WILL INTEGRATED NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS MEAN FOR OUR STAFF?

I have a **much better understanding of what skills and capabilities we have** and how they can support our community.

We all **use the same system** so we can see the interventions that others have made for our patients.

We've really learnt to trust each other. As a GP I'm responsible for interventions of the team I work with who care for my patients. As we have daily huddles, I feel like I'm so much more sighted on the issues and risks.

Since we **removed the need for referrals between us, I do far less paperwork and see more patients sooner** and we seem to be having a bigger impact.

When we have a person who is starting to struggle at home, **we have a whole team to draw on with specific skills to help.**

We have **reduced some of the reporting requirements and paperwork and have created more time to focus more on prevention of illness** rather than just the treatment.

Putting our staff first, so they can put the communities they care for first

WHAT WILL INTEGRATED NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS MEAN FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

I feel **better equipped to manage my own health.**

I have **confidence that if the first person I speak to can't help that they will get the right person to help quickly.**

I feel **listened to and I am believed. I only tell my story once - they all talk to each other and are so joined up**

I feel more confident that I will get help if my symptoms deteriorate. **Before I would have called for an ambulance.**

When I went to hospital, I **felt like the team who normally care for me at home were involved in tracking my progress from the start.** They supported me in getting home swiftly as they knew all about the support I have from friends and family.

I have **been supported to join a local group of other people in similar situation** to me. I feel better in myself and I take better care of my health.

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PHASED ROLL OUT FOR CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY

Wave 1 sites

Requires a **phased roll-out that adopts a test and learn approach** which sees 'waves' of INTs coming online incrementally

There will be two waves, each covering one-third of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly's population:

- Wave 1 (2025-26)
- Wave 2 (2026-27)

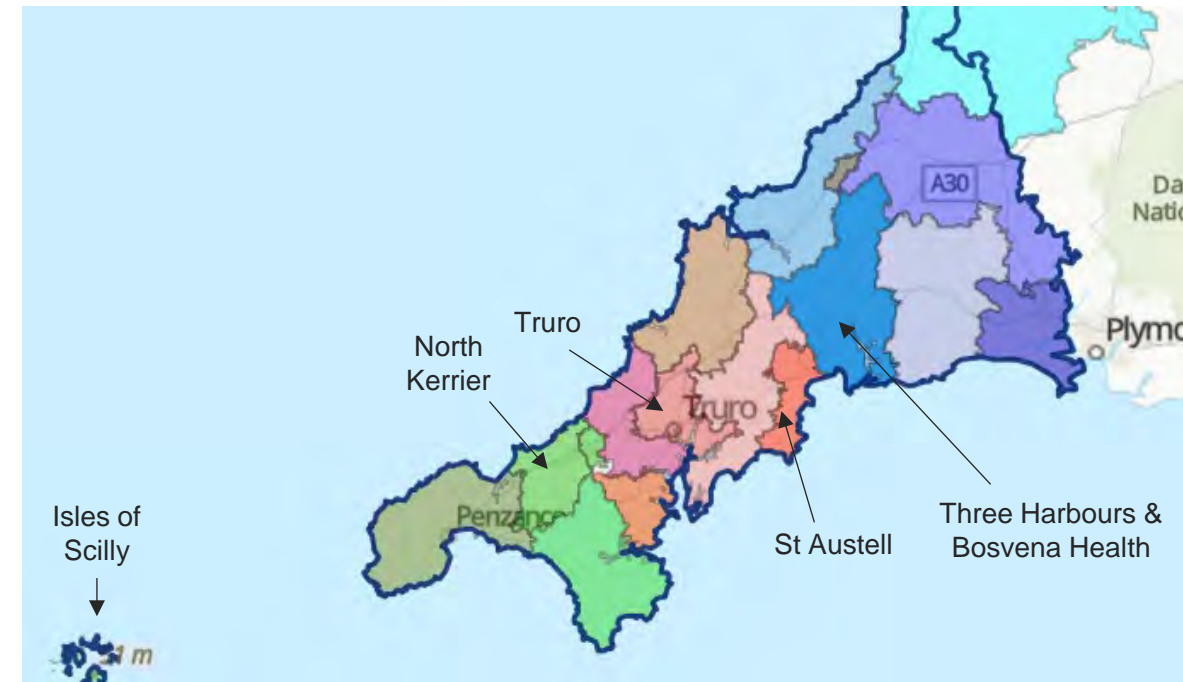


PHASED ROLL-OUT TO ADOPT TEST & LEARN APPROACH

The Transformation programme with Wave 1 starting in April 25 covering one-third of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly's population:

Wave 1 INTs	ICA	Population Size
Bosvena & 3 Harbours	North & East	43,872
St Austell	Central	37,375
Truro	Central	37,394
North Kerrier	West	70,200
Isles of Scilly	West	2,447
Total:		191,288 (~1/3 population)

Wave 1 sites



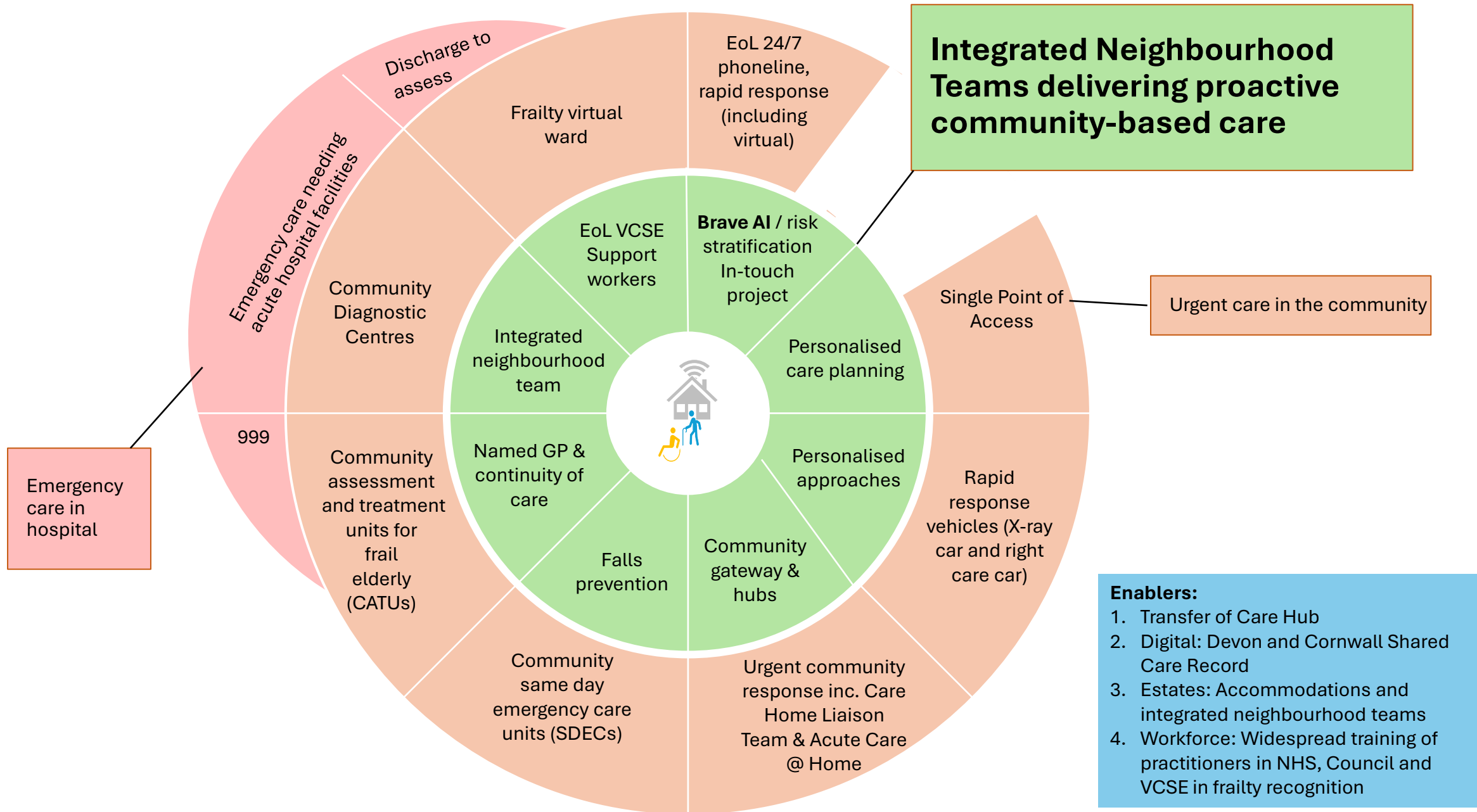
13 of the 16 INTs submitted an expression of interest for wave 1



WAVE 1 INT MUST DOS

- **Use Brave AI**
- Develop and implement a **proactive frailty care model**
- Develop and implement a **proactive end of life care model** to identify people who are approaching end of life and provide integrated support
- Work in partnership with the wider system to **reduce length of stay in hospital /implement discharge to assess**
- **Optimise patient management within a community MSK pathway**, aiming to reduce secondary orthopaedic referrals.
- Develop a **strategy to reduce acute outpatient appointments**, targeting at least two additional outpatient specialties for referral reduction.

Ageing well (services for our frail population)



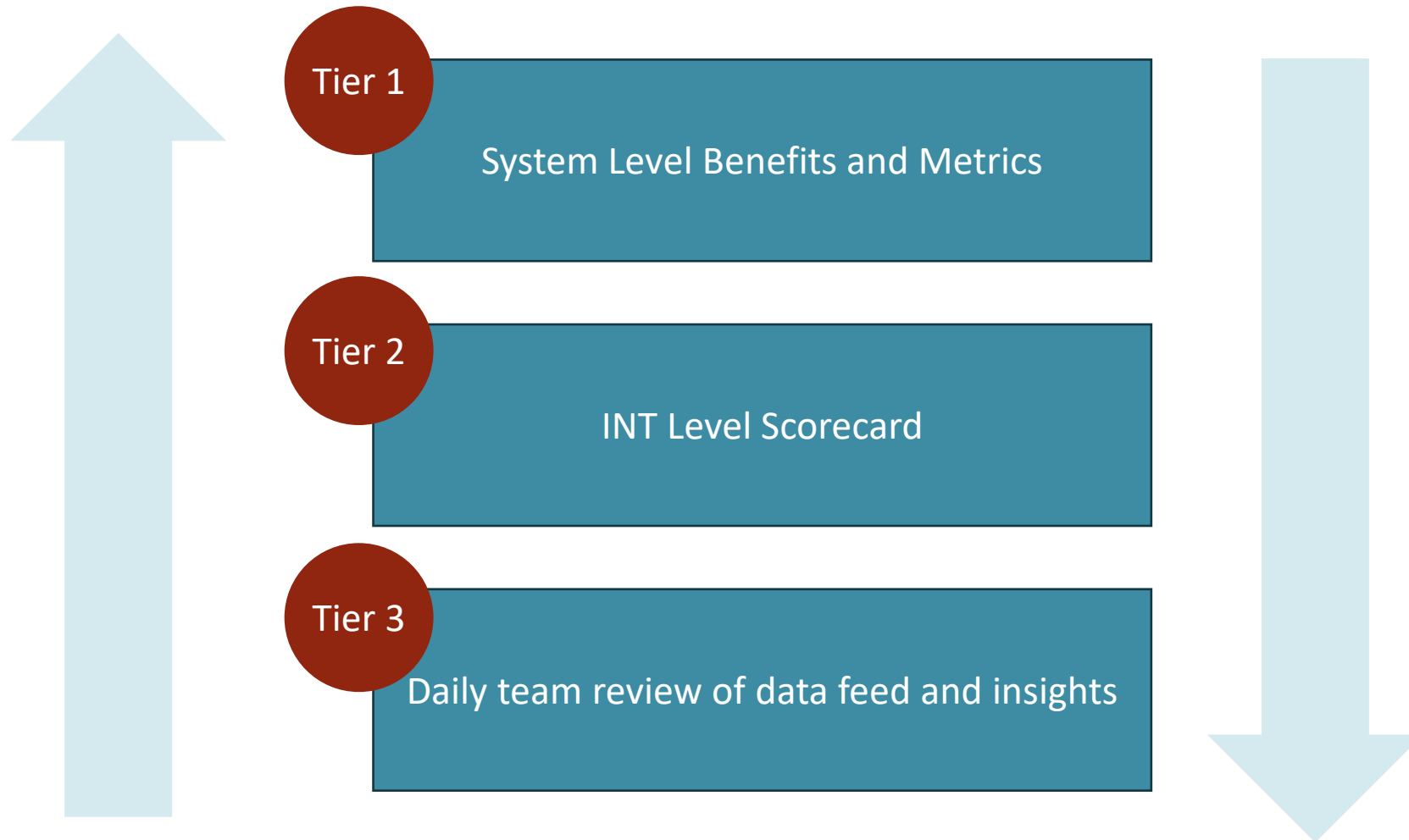


SPECIALITY AREAS OF FOCUS FROM WAVE 1 INTS

- Paediatrics
- Cardiology
- Diabetes
- Gastroenterology
- Neurology
- Frailty

Several sites have expressed interested in reducing demand on CFT-provided mental health outpatient clinics.

WE ARE DEVELOPING A METRICS FRAMEWORK BASED ON THREE TIERS



IMPACT – ALL WAVE 1 INTS DEMONSTRATING POSITIVE RESULTS

21% reduction in admissions

St Austell: Dramatic and statistically significant difference in the raw admission rate of patients over 65 ED Admissions compared to non-INT cohort – May to early September 2025

23% (Q1) and 53% (July) reduction in fly offs

Isles of Scilly: demonstrating significant reduction month by month comparison to 2024 Full year Forecast savings of between £0.25M - £0.57M

Significant reduction in BRAVE AI Scores in 98/118 patients

North Kerrier: Representing a significant reduction in risk of admission within the next 12 months in cohort because of proactive frailty response. Results from just from 2 out of the 5 practices.

6 admissions avoided, 4 major diagnoses pre-crises

Truro: New Proactive Care model – 100 patient interactions in August and early September

Of 104 LD IUCS cases, only 2% resulted in ED outcome

Three Harbours and Bosvena: LD IUCS Case Analysis Bowden Derra since January 2025

IMPACT – ALL WAVE 1 INTS DEMONSTRATING POSITIVE RESULTS

Significant uplift in the development of Personal Care and Support Plans (PCSP); Treatment Escalation Plans (TEPs); and Preferred Place of Death (PPOD) discussions.

North Kerrier

Proactive Frailty Reviews (118) with PCSPs (40) and TEPs (7) completed (April to August 2025)

Three Harbours and Bosvena

Proactive Frailty Reviews (40), PCSPs (149) and TEPs (353) (April to August 2025)

St Austell

PPOD in place for 72 out of 140 INT Patients (May to early September 2025)



Feedback and Questions

If you want to go fast
go alone.
If you want to go far
go together.

African proverb

