Introduction

NHS and social care commissioning and provider colleagues along with local community and voluntary sector stakeholders have recently reviewed a number of aspects of the Brighton and Hove Better Care programme.

In particular this has considered the ambition of the programme and the outcomes we are trying to achieve in light of; our local system challenges, the NHS planning guidance requirement for every area to have an agreed plan in place for March 2017 for better integrating health and social care by 2020, and local authority devolution considerations.

As a result of these discussions we have agreed the following joint statement of intent for taking forward local integration as the Brighton and Hove Caring Together programme. This programme will align with the emerging Sustainability and Transformation Plan footprint for Sussex and East Surrey and sub-footprint for Central Sussex and East Surrey Alliance, and reflect the local implications for Brighton and Hove.

Statement of Intent

Our definition of integration is; ‘to commission for improvement in population outcomes and experience through the provision of coordinated care, organised around and responsive to the needs of individuals’.

- The ambition for integration covers the whole population of Brighton and Hove. It will build from the progress achieved by the Better Care programme’s focus on frail and vulnerable populations, and through a phased approach achieve whole population coverage and improved outcomes across the city.
- The scope of integration will cover both the commissioning and provision of prevention, care and support. It will include: adults and children’s services, physical and mental health, social care, public health, primary care, community, and hospital services.
- Robust joint governance arrangements will be established to ensure that we have an effective partnership and transparent decision making to manage the integration programme that maximises the involvement of the community and voluntary sector, public and patients, and includes wider system partners in housing and education.
- A commitment to have a “one place, one budget” approach to our entire health and social care commissioning budget. We expect this to involve both a pooling of the health and social care budgets and a capitated approach to budget setting that enables providers to innovate and deliver agreed outcomes for the local population.
- A commitment to establish robust and formal alliances that enable working across organisational arrangements to deliver fully integrated and personalised care and support, sharing both resources and risk for the benefits of citizens.
We will work together to deliver a programme of work that by 2020 achieves;

- Sustainable, better quality health services
- Improved public health with fewer inequalities
- Support for vulnerable people to stay well outside hospital
- Empowered citizens and resilient communities who know where to get help and also how to help manage their own care and wellbeing

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Brighton and Hove City Council Children’s Services

Brighton and Hove City Council Public Health

NHS Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group

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