

Surrey Heartlands Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP) – Commissioning Intentions Update

Attendees at the Surrey Armed Forces Health Champions meeting in January 2018 discussed the forthcoming STP commissioning intentions and the need to ensure that the armed forces covenant was referenced in it. Both SCC and the CCGs are all signed up to delivering the covenant.

Commissioning intentions describe how the CCGs would like their service providers to shape their services to meet local health and care needs as well as national priorities for the NHS.

Background

The following wording is included in the NW Surrey CCG Commissioning Intentions and sets the background:

“MILITARY AND VETERANS

CCGs have a responsibility to commission healthcare services for Armed Forces’ families where registered with NHS GP Practices and for service veterans when not mobilised, for emergency care services and mental health services. The CCG is working with the award winning SCC Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board to take forward the Armed Forces Covenant within Surrey. The Board has two Task Groups, one of which is Community Integration. This Task Group addresses issues around health and welfare, employment, education and housing. Health has to date been represented by Surrey County Council Public Health, and more recently by the NHS Partnership Manager (Carers). NWS CCG is engaged in this work to build on plans for delivering the Military Services Covenant. In future this will involve working within our STP footprints across the region”.

Surrey Heartlands STP

From 17 January 2018 – 18 February 2018, Surrey Heartlands conducted a consultation on the joint plans for health and social care in Guildford and Waverley, North West Surrey, Surrey Downs and Surrey County Council – their commissioning intentions.

Feedback from the consultation on the summary document picked up the Armed Forces Covenant as an issue to be included.

The following wording has been put forward for inclusion in the detailed version of the Surrey Heartlands STP Commissioning Intentions – a shortened version will be included in the summary document:

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise from the nation that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces and their families are treated fairly.

The STP will demonstrate support by:

- Signing up and upholding the principles of the covenant
- Registering for the defence employer recognition scheme; Bronze level which states our intent to support defence personnel
- Be an active member of the Community Integration Task Group.
- Promoting Armed Forces Awareness Training
- Promoting primary care registration of service leavers, reservists and those transitioning.
- Support Surrey Armed Forces Carers Support Service

Surrey Heartlands are now working on the operating plan and this will include details on how they CCGs will take the Armed Forces Covenant forward.

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