

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 7 March 2019**PROCEDURAL MATTERS****Members' Questions****Question (1) Dr Andrew Povey (Cranleigh & Ewhurst):**

I believe that the current SOS for Health sees keeping people out of hospital as a key priority. Although this is implicit on some of the current priorities for Surrey, wouldn't it be better to make this a key strategic aim and policy for Surrey?

Reply:

Firstly, the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy focused on tackling Surrey's greatest challenges and, where appropriate, particular groups of individuals that need additional support to live healthier lives, using evidence from the Joint Strategy Needs Assessment, existing research on residents' needs and views, and workshops to engage further with Surrey leaders and providers.

The result is a strategy that focuses on the importance of prevention and addressing root causes of poor health and wellbeing – including things like poor housing and the environment. The strategy is not about simply treating the symptoms of poor health or challenges in the system (such as hospital discharge or avoidable A&E admissions). Obviously, focusing on the root causes of ill health will naturally keep people healthy and out of the hospital system. We want the people of Surrey to live longer, healthier lives. We believe that people should be supported to look after themselves and those they care for, and have access to services when they need them.

Secondly, the Integrated Care Systems and Sustainable Transformation Partnerships across Surrey are key partnerships bringing together the NHS, the Council and other partners – all of the ICSs and STPs have set clear priorities around strengthening out of hospital care. If we look in more detail at the local integrated care partnerships – where much of the changes and integration of NHS, Council and other services happens – we will see a number of out of hospital models being set up across Surrey with these pathways being strengthened through use of the Better Care Fund.

Better Care Fund funding enables schemes to support residents of Surrey stay well at home, ranging from Surrey's Community Equipment Store to Home from Hospital schemes. Local health and social care integration projects continue with a range of partners across the county, developing services that allow residents to access the right care, at the right time, in the right place. Discharge to Assess schemes support medically fit older adults to leave hospital and continue their care and assessment at home or in the community setting. For example, the Integrated Discharge Bureau in North West Surrey delivers same-day discharge for 90% of medically fit patients. Co-located multi-disciplinary teams in community hubs across the county provide holistic care to support frail older adults to remain independent in the community and prevent hospital admissions.

Finally, the strategy is not meant to include everything, and therefore doesn't cover sector specific, organisational or local plans, although these will all need to be aligned to this overarching work. However, the strategy sets out a single set of agreed priorities for the county, focusing in particular on where we can affect change as a partnerships.

Tim Oliver, Chairman – Health and Wellbeing Board

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