

# Integration

## South Downs Health NHS Trust & West Sussex Health (Community Services)

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# Background

- Government policy objective to separate NHS commissioning and service provision led to the 2008 *Options for Change* process in West Sussex.
- NHS West Sussex is transferring the contract for community services to South Downs Health NHS Trust.
- This will involve transferring 3,000 West Sussex Health Staff to South Downs Health.

# Objective

- To develop the best community services in the UK for the people of Brighton & Hove and West Sussex.

# Process

- December 2009: Co-operation and Competition Panel approval given.
- January – February 2010: stakeholder engagement.
- March 2010: Strategic Health Authority, Department of Health approval.
- 1 April 2010: legal creation of new NHS Trust.

# Organisational change

- Evolution not revolution.
- No diminution of services.
- Sharing best practice to improve patient care.
- Continuing commitment to Brighton & Hove.

# Patient benefits

- Continuity of care.
- Specialist + mainstream services.
- On-going partnership with NHS Brighton & Hove to ensure optimum service delivery and outcomes.
- Enhanced working with other local partners to ensure smoother patient journeys.
- Better patient engagement to improve, develop services.

# Community benefits

- Care provided by community services specialists.
- Regular HOSC updates.
- Improved public information on the Trust's performance.
- Enhanced public board meetings.

# Taxpayer benefits

- Reduced acute admissions and average length of acute hospital stay reduces local NHS costs.
- Improved joined-up care from hospital to home.
- Enhanced productivity and quality.
- Healthier local population.



# Issues

- Organisational integration
  - Community services integral local focus = continuity of clinical teams, care.
  - Clinical services – regionalised business units led by clinicians supporting local staff.
  - Integrated corporate support.
  - Rolling two year transformation programme.

# Issues

- Efficiency savings
  - 10 – 15% national NHS budget cuts.
  - Requirement to deliver local operational efficiencies.
  - Focus on corporate support.
  - NHS redeploys before redundancies.
  - May be low-level job losses in Brighton & Hove and West Sussex.

# Issues

- Commitment to Brighton & Hove
  - Community services are community focused, delivered by local staff.
  - Trust HQ in Brighton and Hove.
  - Proven 17+ year commitment to local community.
  - Closer partnership working with NHS Brighton & Hove and local partners.
  - Improved patient, public engagement.

# The future

- Strategic commissioning intentions of NHS Brighton and Hove and NHS West Sussex will shape service development.
- Management contract for East Sussex PCTs community services will not form part of this integration.

# Questions ?

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