

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH  
SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Appendix 1: Local Authorities and the C&P Sustainability and Transformation Plan**

**Introduction**

- The local health economy within the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group area has agreed a single Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for 2016 – 2021, which has been approved by NHS England and NHS Improvement.
- All partners share an ambition to return the health and care system in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to financial, clinical and operational sustainability, coordinating System improvements for the benefits of local residents and healthcare users by:
  - Supporting local people to take an active and full role in their own health
  - Promoting health, preventing health deterioration and promoting independence
  - Using the best, evidence-based, means to deliver on outcomes that matter
  - Focussing on what adds value (and stopping what doesn't)

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) are key stakeholders in the development and delivery of the STP and will act as partners in the STP by working together to find solutions to ensure that healthcare, public health and social care services are aligned. However the Councils will only be able to do this in line with their statutory responsibilities, democratic and constitutional duties in the local authorities' governance arrangements

- The Cambridgeshire District and City Councils, which are members of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board, exercise a number of relevant functions including housing, land use planning, leisure services etc, which may also align to the wider STP Programme, and which are subject to their own democratic and constitutional arrangements.
- All partners across local authorities and the NHS are expected to support local Health and Wellbeing Strategies and Better Care Fund Plans. NHS partners will ensure that STP delivery is aligned with these wider partnership strategies and plans.
- An agreed set of behaviours and principles has been developed in order for CCC, PCC and the wider local authority membership of the HWB Board to support (and be supported) in the contribution to and delivery of the STP.
- These behaviours and principles outline how CCC, PCC and the wider local authority HWB Board membership will work together with the Health system, whilst adhering to their statutory duties and democratic and constitutional duties in the local authorities' governance arrangements

## **Key Behaviours:**

CCC, PCC and the wider local authority Health and Wellbeing Board membership recognise the scale of change required to deliver the STP and that cultural change applies from leadership level to front line staff.

CCC, PCC and the wider local authority Health and Wellbeing Board membership will continue to build and promote trusting relationships, mutual understanding and where feasible take decisions together with the health system.

CCC and PCC representatives on the Health and Care Executive (HCE) will take full responsibility for making sure their staff are well briefed on system improvement work, drawing from system messages and materials. The HCE will ensure that relevant system messages and materials are shared with the wider HWB Board membership.

All members of the Health Care Executive and the Health and Wellbeing Boards will support and promote system behaviours for the benefit of local residents and healthcare users including:

- Working together and not undermining each other
- Behaving well, especially when things go wrong
- Engaging in honest and open discussion
- Keeping our promises – small and large
- Seeing success as collective
- Carrying through decisions once made

## **Key Principles:**

The key principles of local authorities working with partners to deliver the STP plan are:

- Commitment to implementation at pace
- Use collective commissioning and buying opportunities to improve delivery outcomes and/or system savings
- Where appropriate, HCE representatives and other senior local authority officers to act as if part of a single executive leadership team, to coordinate system improvements for the benefits of local residents in line with the STP.
- Influence the view of regulators and external assurance bodies regarding the primacy of System sustainability enshrined in the STP and the joint commitment to it.
- Highlight and work to prevent cost shunting to other partners, subject to statutory requirements on both partners. (This should not preclude negotiation of agreements on pooled funding for specific services or areas of work).
- Adopt an invest to save approach
- Share information on new major service developments, savings, closures or relocations, and more generally share information in a timely manner when

needed to support development of partnership business cases and savings plans. This should comply with existing information sharing agreements and protocols.

- Align human, financial, estate and digital resources to deliver these changes where this adds value, delivers people-centred outcomes and saves money.

### **Democratic requirements and local authority governance**

- CCC and PCC will participate in the Health and Care Executive (HCE) arrangements through their senior officer representatives acting as non-voting members of the HCE. This arrangement will recognise that local authority policy and financial decisions are subject to the constitutional decision making arrangements within their respective authorities, which are led by elected Councillors.
- CCC, PCC and Cambridgeshire District and City Councils will also participate in and support the STP through their local Health and Wellbeing Boards and shared programme management arrangements. Again, this arrangement will recognise that local authority policy and financial decisions are subject to the constitutional decision making arrangements within their respective authorities, which are led by elected Councillors.
- Local authorities support the commitment to longer-term planning, but the Partners recognise that local authorities are subject to democratic governance. Therefore the LAs must reserve the right to change their priorities in accordance with the priorities of their elected Councils
- CCC, PCC and wider local authority HWB Board membership cannot commit to sharing the opening financial risk in the STP, given that local authorities have a statutory requirement to balance their budgets and cannot operate at a deficit. Likewise, NHS partners are not expected to commit to meeting the financial risk of meeting statutory social care requirements.
- CCC and PCC have a particular statutory requirement to scrutinise proposals for NHS service changes as elected representatives of their communities, and must ensure the independence and integrity of those arrangements.
- The role of all Councillors to represent the views of their local constituents and speak up on their behalf is recognised. Councillors have a unique responsibility of advocacy with respect to their constituents. Nothing in this memorandum should undermine that.'

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