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Dissolution of the Council's Partnership with Northumbria Healthcare

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Background

- **2001: Northumberland Care Trust** - delivered Adult Social Care and Community Health Services – (2001 Health and Social Care Act) promoting integration between Health and Local Authorities.
- **2009: NHS Transforming Community Services** set out to improve primary and community care – separating the NHS provider and commissioning arrangements – resulting in the end of the Care Trust.
- **2011:** Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust (NHCFT) and the Local Authority (LA) entered a **partnership agreement** which involved NHCFT taking the statutory responsibility for the delivery of the social care functions.
- **2013:** commissioning of **public health services transferred from NHS to the LA** – Northumberland County Council took over contracts with NHCFT for provision of 0-19 (largely Health Visitors and School Health advisors) Sexual Health and other public health services.

Partnership Review

- Planned review 2019 / 2020
- Challenges: Covid pandemic
Different views of 2 organisations
HR issues and Terms & Conditions
Governance and delegated functions
- July 2020: Northumberland Care Services Together (CaST Model) proposal presented to the Board.
- Early 2021: White Paper "*Integration and Innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all*"
- February 2021: Discussion about extension of Partnership until April 2022.
- February 2021: Notice served but agreed extension until end of September 2021.

Service Overview and Plans

Adult Social Care

- Biggest area of transfer
- Case Management (complex cases)
- Strategic Safeguarding
- Approved Mental Health Professional Team
- Emergency Duty Team
- Risk and Independence Team
- Self-directed Support
- Northumberland One Call
- TUPE process followed: new model of Care and Support

Care & Support Model

- New model of care which more closely aligned to PCN and Mental Health Services.
- Closer links to Children's Services and other Council and external services to develop and connect whole family approach
- Closer links to NCT and Community and Voluntary Sector to offer greater choice of intervention

Principles

- Ensuring residents have control over the way care and support provided as much as possible.
- Family and unpaid carers treated as a core element in residents' plans and consider their needs as well as those of resident.
- Recognising trade offs between minimising risks arising from someone's disabilities and health conditions and supporting person to live the life they choose.
- Person's own choices should determine how these are balanced.
- Ensuring coordination between services and understanding all of the agencies involved.
- Supporting people to make the most of the opportunities available in the wider community.

Service Overview and Plans: Hospital Discharge and Reablement

- Safe and appropriately timed discharge from hospital
- Reablement to help people recover their independence
- Home Safe
- Short Term Support Service (STSS)
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- TUPE process followed and new Reset Model

New Service Model

RESET

- **RE**covery – short terms interventions following an illness, injury or support on discharge from hospital.
- **S**upport – to learn or relearn skills to carry out daily tasks and or social reintegration.
- **E**nable – doing ‘with’ and not ‘for’, an approach to encourage independence where possible.
- **T**eam – a dedicated team approach including Occupational Therapists, Social Workers and Reablement Support Staff.

REcovery, Support and Enable Team

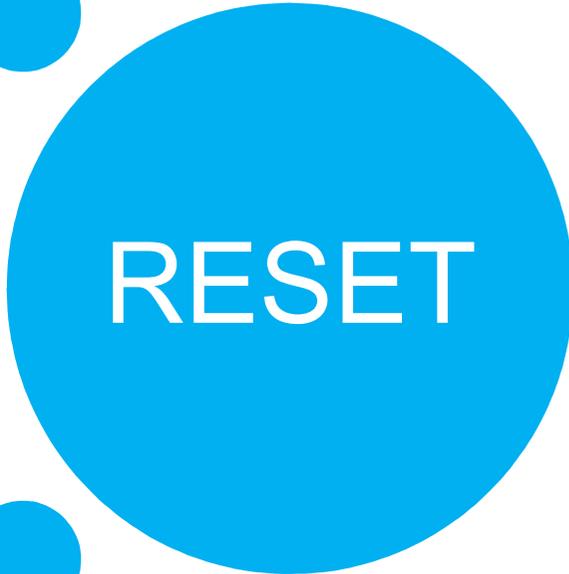
Community Response



Hospital Discharge



Self Referral – via
One Call



Other Services

Service	Summary
NHS Continuing Health Care (CHC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funded by NCCG• Interim arrangements will maintain integration• NCCG will include in transfer to ICS
Learning Disability Community Nurses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funded by NCCG• Planned review to look at:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integration• Social care support for people with a learning disability• Involvement of NHCFT and CNTW

Other Services

Service	Summary
The Joint Equipment Loan Service (JELS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disability equipment and minor adaptations• Jointly funded by the Council and Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (NCCG)• Children and Adult's equipment• Planned transfer to Northumberland County Council (NCC)• Continue to offer integrated services

Public Health

Service	Summary
Integrated Wellbeing (IWS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health trainers / advocates• Smoking cessation• Natural relationship with community focused work• Transfer to the Council• Already co-located at County Hall• Plans being developed to look at model of delivery
Sexual Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not part of S75• Extended contract for one year• Regional approach to Sexual Health

Public Health

0-19 Service

- Heath Visitors / School Nurses / but not Maternity
- Preferred option:
 - Partnership approach
 - Greater flexibility
- Ongoing consultation
- Harrogate District Foundation Trust
- Deliver 0-19 in 6 other Local Authorities currently in the region
- Promote greater integration with Children's Services
- Potential for additional investment and expansion

Future Opportunities

Closer integration with Primary Care networks – MDT working

Co location of social workers with specialist services (CNTW)

Further progress with NHCFT towards 'discharge to assess' – providing more rehabilitation in peoples own homes

Joint working with community health teams to support people in a health crisis and reduce the need for hospital admissions

Integrated support for care homes

Improving connections for people with disabilities with local voluntary and community services

a)improved support for people with chaotic lives associated with alcohol, drug or other substance misuse

Wider range of accommodation and support options to older people

Joint working with housing and property services - to support independent living for older people

Improve joint arrangements with CNTW for aftercare following detention in hospital under the Mental Health Act.