

Public Engagement & Local STP

Healthwatch Hampshire statement on local Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP)

Background

In late 2014 Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England, published a document called the [NHS Five Year Forward View](#). This outlined the challenges facing the NHS, and the things that need to happen to ensure the NHS remains sustainable into the future.

As part of the process of building a sustainable NHS, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), who buy the health services in each local area, were last year instructed to work together with their partners over larger geographical areas. These groups of CCGs, or single CCGs where they already cover a large area, have been devising plans that look at the whole health delivery system across their area, and seeing what could be done better, at a larger scale, and at a lower cost.

These plans are called Sustainability Transformation Plans (STP), and were published late last year. The plan affecting Hampshire is called the Hampshire and Isle of Wight STP, and this has been drawn up by the CCGs across Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

What's in the plan?

The local plan describes six key themes:

- Investing in prevention and supporting people to look after their own health
- Strengthening and investing in primary and community care
- Simplifying the urgent and emergency care system,
- Improving the quality of hospital services
- Making tangible improvements to mental health services
- Creating a financially sustainable health system for the future

The full plan can be read [here](#), and a summary [here](#).

By itself the plan appears light on the detail of how it will be delivered. This detail is contained within the eight CCG two year operating plans. As and when these are recommended by NHS England, we will publish links.

- West Hampshire CCG [Operating Plan 2017/19](#)
- North Hampshire CCG [Operating Plan 2017/19](#)
- Southern Eastern Hampshire CCG
- Fareham and Gosport CCG
- North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG
- Southampton CCG [Operating Plan 2017/19](#)
- Portsmouth CCG [Operating Plan 2017/19](#)
- Isle of Wight CCG

Public consultation and engagement

Whilst there has been engagement with partner organisations about the local STP there has been no explicit public consultation. Healthwatch Hampshire has voiced its concerns about this to Hampshire Health & Wellbeing Board. This has led to further work detailed below to ensure that local citizens can share their views on the plans.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have defended their position on this by stating that the local STP brings together plans that have already benefited from considerable public engagement, and the plans don't in themselves constitute a significant new direction.

Our plans and current work

A presentation to the Health and Wellbeing Board earlier this year resulted in a decision to establish a 'Co-production and community participation sub group' to inform the wider board. The aims of the group are to:

1. Recommend guidance on community co-design, co-production and participation to the Health and Wellbeing Board, its working groups, its member organisations, and through them to all health and care planners, commissioners and providers.
2. Identify exciting varied examples of good practice in co-design, co-production and community participation in health and social care (including by both Health and Wellbeing Boards, commissioners and providers) and facilitate learning from them for the Board and for all who plan or deliver health and social care services.
3. Facilitate sharing of findings from community participation to reduce duplication and spread learning.
4. Support the Health and Wellbeing Board to demonstrate leadership and good practice in community co-design, co-production and participation by identifying where it is appropriate, advising how it should be done, and monitoring implementation.
5. Support the groups of the Health and Wellbeing Board to demonstrate leadership and good practice in community co-design, co-production and participation by advising how it should be done, supporting them, and monitoring implementation.
6. Respond to requests from the Board and its groups for advice on community involvement in designing or delivering health and social care services.
7. Advise and make recommendations about appropriate approaches on community co-design, co-production and participation to be used as part of the development of the Hampshire JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Board strategy on over-arching "philosophical" questions about the future of health and care services, including questions related to the STP which are best approached across the STP area rather than locally
8. Identify relevant data and service user, CVS and Healthwatch feedback to inform the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy.
9. Recommend and where appropriate organise Health and Wellbeing Board stakeholder events to support the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board strategy.

The Health and Wellbeing Board sub-group, chaired by Healthwatch Hampshire, is currently working closely with the STP team to organise events later this year to bring together stakeholders from across the STP area to ensure a shared commitment to public engagement. The STP team have, as yet, not published an engagement plan. Healthwatch Hampshire has voiced concerns about this and the STP team have committed to do this.

Healthwatch Hampshire is also working closely with neighbouring local Healthwatch from Hamp- Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight to encourage local NHS leadership to engage with citizens across the STP footprint. Together, we are currently in discussions with NHS England about how this could be achieved in the coming months.

More information will follow as this work develops.