Developing the East Sussex Plan - summary of progress

Since the NHS LTP Implementation Plan Framework\(^1\) was published in July, work has taken place to support high level planning to develop the East Sussex health and social care plan, and the next phase of our transformation programme, including priority-setting for 2020/21 and contributing to the SHACP response to the NHS LTP.

A multi-agency East Sussex Plan Trask Group has been set up with nominated leads across our East Sussex system, including representation from Healthwatch and the voluntary and community sector (VCS). The first meeting focussed on scoping the task and developing a framework to understand progress already made and identify the specific actions needed to support priority setting across prevention, community, urgent care, planned care and mental health as well as infrastructure enablers including supporting PCNs, ICPs and our ICS development and workforce, IT and digital and estates.

Further meetings have taken place of the Task Group as well as with a wider range of leads across public health and prevention, community, urgent care, planned care, mental health, children’s social care, workforce and communications and engagement, to progress work across the development framework. In summary, this has included:

- The East Sussex Communications and Engagement Steering Group has undertaken an audit of the recent engagement with communities across the whole of East Sussex, in particular about the NHS Long Term Plan, to identify common themes. Appendix 3 contains a draft summary of the key themes from the audit of engagement. This will be further cross-checked with additional information from adults and children’s social care. The themes have been used to inform the key principles and priorities set out in Appendix 1 of this report, and they will be used continuously to ensure we are responding to the areas of interest raised in our plans and priority-setting. Further testing with local stakeholders is planned during October and November as our East Sussex Plan develops.

- The outcomes and objectives in our integrated Outcomes Framework are also being sense-checked and updated using the themes from the audit of engagement, to ensure the Outcomes Framework reflects what matters to local people about their health and social care services, and is relevant across our East Sussex population.

- Work to reflect a shared vision for the East Sussex Plan that can be collectively owned across our system is being taken forward with the support of the East Sussex Communications and Engagement Steering Group, and is nearing completion.

- A draft description of our population health and care needs is underway, based on our East Sussex Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and other sources of information to create an up to date understanding of demographics and the drivers of demand for health and social care. A draft high level summary description of our East Sussex population is included in Appendix 4.

- A prevention subgroup (of the East Sussex plan Task Group) has been meeting to set out and shape the next steps for our comprehensive approach to prevention and reducing health inequalities, ensuring prevention commitments in the NHS LTP are

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\(^1\) NHS Long Term Plan Implementation Framework(July 2019) a copy can be found [here](#)
fully reflected. Membership of this group includes representation from Healthwatch and the voluntary sector.

- Next phase planning and priority setting for 2020/21 for community, urgent care, planned care, and mental health is being progressed with the relevant Senior Responsible Officers and leads, again with necessary cross-referencing with the NHS LTP to ensure the appropriate commitments are being captured, and align with our principles and priorities.

- The approach to finance and activity modelling is being taken forward by a sub group of the East Sussex Chief Finance Officers Group on a place and system basis, with strong links into the SHACP financial modelling, and the Sussex-wide plans for workforce, estates and digital/IT so that local implications are captured.

The overall response to the NHS Long Term Plan is being developed across the SHACP, incorporating the Sussex-wide plans and the three place plans for East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove. East Sussex Plan leads are working closely with 2020 Delivery to supply content and ensure that the East Sussex place element is captured appropriately within the overall SHACP initial submission by 27th September, and final submission by 15th November.

A final draft of our East Sussex plan will be brought to the December meeting of the HWB for endorsement.