

Mapping the Future

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Introduction

Attached is an Overview of the Mapping the Future programme being undertaken by NHS West Kent CCG. This document sets out a blueprint for how services might be organised in West Kent and is being shared with local people for feedback and comment. It is a description of the design principles to be used by the NHS and local partners when designing services to meet local need as set out in the JSNA and the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The work has been undertaken because of a shared belief by all partners that without significant change the local health and social care systems will struggle to cope with the increasing pressures of an aging population and the cuts to funding that are likely in a time of Austerity.

Development of the blueprint has been by groups of clinicians and professionals working together with Patient and Public representatives to design the best way to organise services around individual patients.

The overwhelming view from these workshops has been the need for a new, more capable, more comprehensive out of hospital sector delivering health and social care. This will involve reshaping primary care, full integration of health and social care, working in partnership with the third sector, and traditional consultant led hospital services being delivered in the community.

To deliver this change will require new relationships between all partners based on co-operation and collaboration. It will also require comprehensive information sharing and a focus on the cost of providing care not the price of transition.

If the blueprint is supported it will be used to align the plans of all local NHS and partner organisations plans to deliver a common future.

As specific plans for implementation of Mapping the Future are developed, where they require significant service change, the NHS will discuss plans with HWB and HOSC and agree the appropriate processes for consultation.