

PARTNERSHIP SOUTHWARK STRATEGIC BOARD

Questions received from the public with responses

MEETING DATE: 7 July 2022



Working together to improve health and wellbeing for the people of Southwark

This set of questions was received prior to the meeting taking place. The response document is published on the SEL ICS's website and also emailed to those who submitted the questions. Where a question was raised on behalf of a group, the person's name is listed below; where the person did so as an individual, then their name has not been published.

Question 1	<i>What budget will be allocated to PS and how and when will it be divided between the various services PS is responsible for?</i>
Response	<p>The ICB's Local Care Partnerships (LCPs) have delegated budget responsibility for 'out of hospital services', defined as covering the following areas of provision - primary care, primary care prescribing, community service for physical and mental health, continuing Health Care and client groups. The budget for these services delegated to Southwark Place amounts to £234m for 2022/23 and has been allocated across these services. The budget includes the contractual funding included in the ICB's contracts with SEL providers.</p> <p>This delegation provides an opportunity for Partnership Southwark, working across the partnership, to determine options and approaches for the future and make collaborative use of resources available.</p>



Question 2	<i>What procedures will PS put in place to ensure there are no unsafe discharges from hospitals and how will these procedures be communicated to Southwark residents?</i>
Response	<p>Partnership Southwark is a collaboration of the health, care and voluntary and community sectors working together to improve health and wellbeing for the people of Southwark. The delegation of commissioning responsibility to the Partnership by the South East London Integrated Commissioning Board provides an opportunity to make decisions about how money is spent in Southwark in a more collective way.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the individual organisations that make up the membership of Partnership Southwark remain responsible for the quality and safety of their services. This includes making sure that transfers between settings happen in a safe and seamless way and that individual service users are communicated with and involved in decisions about their care.</p> <p>Partnership Southwark will support this work through shared programmes of service development, for example through the Care Well and neighbourhood workstreams, and through creating an environment that allows shared conversations about quality. The NHS provider partners are also members of provider networks, which extend beyond the boundaries of Southwark, that are working to develop common standards, share good practice and reduce unwarranted variation.</p>



Question 3	<i>Will PS produce a chart clearly outlining how PS fits into the delivery of health and social care in the borough, indicating its relationship up to OHSEL, London and NHSE and down to GP services, community services in mental health and social care?</i>
Response	<p>Health, care, and voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations have been working together over a number of years to deliver services more effectively, embed new ways of working, and ensure care and support is centred around the needs of individuals and local populations. A lot of progress has been made and many of the building blocks we need for integrated population-based care are in place; however, these are not always joined up or coordinated to deliver best impact.</p> <p>As a Local Care Partnership within the overall Our Healthier South East London Integrated Care System, we work with other health, care and non-statutory organisations and local communities to bring together services and support at a neighbourhood and borough level.</p> <p>To help explain the relationship between local care partnerships (such as Partnership Southwark) and the wider system, the South East London Integrated Care Board has produced the video on the ICS website (https://www.selondonics.org/) and the King's Fund have also produced a useful animation which is available on their website (How does the NHS in England work and how is it changing? The King's Fund (kingsfund.org.uk)).</p>



Question 4	<i>Given the staffing shortages in primary care, nursing care and local hospitals what plans will be put in place to remedy this?</i>
Response	<p>The challenges of securing a workforce to meet the needs of our health and care system is a national issue addressed by planning by central Government, higher education and Health Education England among others.</p> <p>Locally through the South East London Integrated Care System's Operating Plan for 2022/23 the NHS providers in southeast London have committed to increasing the number of substantively employed staff and reducing reliance on agency workers. Delivery of the plan will be overseen by the ICS People's Board.</p> <p>The development of the primary care workforce is supported by the South East London Training Hub, which is made up of six borough hubs, including a Southwark training hub that is hosted by Partnership Southwark. Working in partnership with Southwark's Primary Care Networks and Federations, the Southwark Training Hub is addressing local primary care workforce challenges through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attracting new staff to the borough through initiatives such as the New to Practice Fellowship Programme and Trainee Nursing Associate Roles• Retaining existing staff through offering learning and development, such as the monthly Protected Learning Time events, and professional networks to help staff share learning and support each other• Supporting and facilitating programmes to help extend the roles working in primary care, such as the Additional Roles Reimbursement scheme for general practice.

