



Shropshire CCG/Public Health

Memorandum of Understanding

Introduction

"This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SCCG and Public Health outlines the working relationship, local core offer, relationships and responsibilities for each organisation to maintain the collaborative and supportive relationship currently established between the CCG and Public Health.

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Both organisations agree to:

1. Maintaining a strong level of senior leadership engagement through monthly meetings between the DPH and AO
2. Respective secondment of staff and sharing of manpower in order to progress the LHE agenda, champion the prevention agenda and offer support during untoward events.
3. Collaborative commissioning
4. Joint responsibility for progressing education, public awareness and supporting a sustainable LHE
5. Improving outcomes for patients and residents within SCCG boundaries
6. Building a strong, responsive Health and Wellbeing Board
7. Implementing and strengthening the Equality and Diversity Strategy, addressing variation in care provision across the LHE.
8. Remaining inclusive and supportive of all agencies both voluntary and public sector within the LHE and strengthening their impact and role on improving health and wellbeing locally.

Specifically SCCG agrees to:

1. Prioritising and championing the work of and it's role within the Health and Wellbeing Board
2. Linking closely with Public Health through secondment of a clinical board member within the portfolio area of public health and prevention.
3. Jointly assuring the implementation of the prevention agenda within Primary Care and it's commissioning intentions
4. Supporting Public Health in achieving its target outcomes related to services such as childhood immunisation, sexual health services, health checks and smoking cessation.
5. Ensuring Public Health is adequately represented within the CCG through formal board membership of the DPH on the CCG governing body board, attendance and membership of Public Health at Clinical Advisory Panel meetings and a standing open invitation to attend all or any of the sub-committee meetings of the SCCG (not withstanding a formal invitation requirement from the Audit Committee chair for attendance at both Audit and Remuneration committee meetings)
6. Work collaboratively with Public Health staff on developing the JSNA.
7. To provide honorary contracts with the CCG for all public health staff to enable them to access the NHS net email system and to meet the CCG's information governance policy

Specifically Public Health agrees to:

1. Prioritise key CCG committees, sub committees and locality groups where public health expertise is essential.
2. Provide public health data and analysis to assist the CCG's commissioning plans, clinical audit and performance monitoring.
3. Provide public health advice and support to the CCG's Individual Funding Request Panels.
4. Provide advice and support to the CCG in relation Infection Prevention and Control, including immunisation.
5. Provide advice and support regarding Emergency Planning and Resilience.

6. Provide support to the continuing educational programmes of the CCG, including its educational newsletter.
7. Utilise its networks to provide external advice and support for the CCG and its commissioning plans, e.g. academic and third sector links.

Summary

The CCG and the Public Health Department are committed to improving the health and well being of the population of Shropshire through the development of a creative and dynamic partnership. Priority will be given to reducing health inequalities and to the prevention and mitigation of long terms conditions.

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