

Memorandum of Understanding between the IOW Council and the IOW NHS PCT

Our Vision: "To enable IOW residents to live healthy, happy lives in their local communities receiving high quality services from responsive professional teams."

Delivering Local Person Centred Health and Council Services

The IOW Council and the IOW NHS PCT have agreed to work together to deliver local patient centred health and social care services.

We will deliver the national objectives for patients and residents as set out in the White Paper "Our Health Our Care Our Say."

We will deliver the local objectives for local residents as set out in the White Paper "Strong and Prosperous Communities"

To achieve this, the local agencies have entered into an agreement, which is set out in this protocol. There will be a multi agency approach to delivering the joint agenda for change with local targets set to be achieved.

The Public Service Board will steer the work which will be delivered through joint executive groups, the Professional Executive Committee, NHS PCT Board and the Cabinet of the Council.

The aim of this memorandum is to achieve the following:

1. To work together to improve the health of the Island population. The Director of Public Health post will be a joint appointment and will advise both organisations together. The Director will have direct access to Chief Executives of both organisations, and the Annual Report will be addressed both by the PCT Board and by the Council.
2. To agree a disposal programmer for a joint property portfolio. Specialist property services will be jointly commissioned. They will prepare the property portfolio for the market and manage the disposal process. Capital receipts will be drawn back into the Council and the PCT to clear historic debt and to invest in new build community health and social care services.
3. To agree a move towards shared support functions where that will produce efficiencies for both organisations. Examples of functions where there may be scope for joint work include some parts of each of HR, Communications, Informatics support, Information management and analysis, Finance, procurement and Performance Management. We will test moves to shared headquarters and increasingly integrate our management and governance arrangements.
4. To develop joint commissioning arrangements which make best use of our available resources to meet the needs of local people. We will assess need, prioritise those most vulnerable and work in partnership with the third sector, private sector and local businesses to ensure people are able to live in their own homes with appropriate care and support.
5. To develop local models of joint health and social care delivery in key areas of integrated working which can then be rolled out across the Island.

Local Delivery Targets

Improving the Health of the Population

We will increase the average life expectancy on the Island by one year within 3 years, and stop the trend to divergence of life expectancy between least and most deprived areas of the Island within two years.

Property Disposal:

We will have a disposal plan for properties by May 2007.

Shared Headquarters:

We will have assessed the opportunity to move into shared headquarters by mid 2007, with potential support functions in place by 2009.

Joint Commissioning:

We will have joint commissioning plans in place for each care group by end 2007 date with agreed resource allocations within a three year commissioning plan.

Local Integrated Pilots:

To deliver two Local Integrated Projects in 2007 with a further two in 2008 as part of a larger roll out programme.

The Memorandum

1. PSB will be the lead group for the implementation of this memorandum drawing respective Finance Officers and Directors as the agenda dictates.
2. PSB will be responsible for the delivery of the Action Plan and the achievement of the local delivery targets.
3. Chief Executives will meet urgently should PSB be briefed about any significant difficulties of delays to seek to resolve any problems.
4. The local delivery targets identified above are the framework for the memorandum. If these targets are not being achieved within agreed timescales (to be agreed by the Chief Executives Group) then an urgent meeting will automatically be called.
5. The Chief Executives group will provide a united approach to the management of the media, public information and non-executive directors and members to ensure a consistent and whole system response.

6. Each agency will be transparent in its allocations of resources to support this agenda and will ensure that all is done within each organisation to achieve the identified delivery targets.

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Signatories

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