

The role of East Devon District Council within Devon's Sustainability and Transformation Partnership

1. Introduction

STPs: sustainability and transformation partnerships

In 2016 the NHS and local councils came together in 44 areas covering all of England to develop proposals to improve health and care. Sustainability and transformation partnerships formed to coordinate services, agree system-wide priorities, and plan collectively how to improve residents' day-to-day health through simple, practical improvements for local communities.

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/integratedcare/stps/>

Devon County Council's public health team reports that currently the national picture is now moving at pace towards Integrated Care Systems (ICS) which is the same direction of travel as STPs.

2. District Councils

To date the Devon District Councils have not played any major role in the development of Devon's STP. However as we can now see from the goal, themes and priorities set out in the STP, East Devon District should now take a more active role in this partnership. The Public Health Project Officer has attended STP meetings on behalf of EDDC, reflected upon STP activities and via the new Public Health Strategic Plan 2019-23 has placed our own public health work definitively within the context of the STP.

3. Devon's STP <http://www.devonstp.org.uk/>

Sets out plans for transforming health and care services for local people to achieve improved wellbeing, better health and better care for Devon's populations.

a. Goal

To look at every part of health and care provision in Devon as a whole.

b. Strategic themes

- i. Enabling more people to be healthy and stay healthy
- ii. Enhancing self-care and community resilience
- iii. Integrating and improving support for people in their homes.

c. Priorities

- i. Prevention & promoting health
- ii. Integrated models of care
- iii. Primary care
- iv. Mental health and learning disabilities
- v. Acute & specialist services

- vi. Productivity
- vii. Children and families.

4. Local Authority Role Prevention and Promoting Health

- a. Devon County Council is currently the workstream lead responsible for delivering the STP's Prevention and Promotion priority.
- b. In addition to commissioning services such as screening and immunisation programmes, drug and alcohol services and social care, Devon County Council's priorities within the STP currently include:
 - i. Tackling environmental and social conditions to promote good health
 - ii. Encouraging healthier behaviour so fewer people become ill
 - iii. Changing behaviours and managing early illness to prevent progression
 - iv. Address loss of independence
 - v. Promote wellbeing and self-care.

Cross-cutting themes inevitably include housing and mental health and key areas of work include tackling alcohol, smoking, long-term conditions, falls & frailty, loneliness, mental health and housing issues.

5. East Devon District Council

- a. EDDC is already active, for example through the work of Public Health Project Officer, Housing's Community Development Workers, the Housing Options Team, the Benefits Team, the Countryside Team, THG team etc. in delivering work that significantly contributes to:
 - i. Making every contact count (MECC)
 - ii. Identify and collaborate in social prescribing activities
 - iii. Health messaging / Lifestyle
 - iv. Preventing falls and dealing with frailty.
- b. How can EDDC continue to develop this support within our own organisation?
 - i. Knowing about the key areas of work that have been highlighted to achieve the best results in prevention
 - ii. Prioritising these areas within our own Council Plan, Public Health Plan and Service Plans
 - iii. Understanding the main mechanisms through which we will achieve 'prevention at scale' –in other words being able to view our contribution as a component of a system-wide delivery of the STP programmes
 - iv. Talking to staff and partners about how we can work together to achieve them

Across the district EDDC has opportunities to influence outcomes at a local level in ways not available to County or NHS colleagues. We work closely with our tenants, residents and local businesses. We work in partnership with local third sector and community groups who are active in our towns. We look after enviable green spaces that enable us to offer health and wellbeing activities second to none. We believe that we have a responsibility to consider health and wellbeing in all of our council activities: the Public Health Strategic Plan demonstrates how this can be achieved within current resources.