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Integrated Neighbourhood Teams: what are they, what do they aim to achieve, and why are they being developed?

What are they?

- A multi-disciplinary team approach that connects partners from Health and Social Care, Voluntary Community Social Enterprise, Local Authority Partners, and many Community Groups.
- Aims to deliver co-ordinated holistic care, catered to the individual, within a specific community or neighbourhood.
- Meets the diverse needs of the community through co-production and partnership working.
- The initial model in Southampton will be arranged around geographies and communities of PCNs, with a focus on frailty.



What do they aim to achieve?

- Create seamless and coordinated experiences for individuals, and enhance their experience by focussing on their holistic needs, not just their health.
- Create a more effective and sustainable health & social care system.
- Ensure needs are addressed cohesively and effectively without long waiting times or going over budget.
- Address other challenges across the system, e.g. managing rising demand, and preventing gaps in provision, duplication of services, and inefficiencies.
- Offer early intervention, preventing further health and wellbeing decline.
- Enhance health & social care professionals' job satisfaction and reduce burnout.

Why are they being developed?

Integrated Neighbourhood Teams have been introduced as a strategic response to the rising challenges, as highlighted in the Fuller Primary Care Stocktake report, 2022. They will aim to:

- Improve outcomes and quality of life for individuals by increasing accessibility to all services available within their local area.
- Create sustainable and efficient care.
- Create high-quality holistic care.
- Enable better preventative and early intervention services.
- Prevent hospital admissions.
- Improve community engagement.
- Reduce care costs.

