

Appendix A: Summary of the actions we are going to take in response to each priority

1. Channel demand with appropriate capacity

Issue

Our population is projected to grow at the fastest rate in London (18% over 15 years to reach 345,000 additional people) and this is putting pressure on all health and social care services. Adding to this, people in NEL are highly diverse. They also tend to be mobile, moving frequently between boroughs and are more dependent on A&E and acute services. If we do not make changes, we will need to meet this demand through building another hospital. We need to find a way to **channel the demand for services** through **maximising prevention**, supporting self-care and innovating in the way we deliver services. **It is important to note that even with successful prevention, NEL's high birth rate means that we may need to increase our physical infrastructure.**

Actions

To meet the fundamental challenge of our rapidly growing, changing and diverse population we are committed to:

- Shifting the way people using health services with a step up in prevention and self-care, equipping and empowering everyone, working across health and social care;
- Ensuring our urgent and emergency care system directs people to the right place first time, with integrated urgent care system, supported by proactive accessible primary care at its heart;
- Establishing effective ambulatory care on each hospital site, to ensure our beds are only for those who really need admission, so we don't need to build another hospital;
- Ensuring our hospitals are working together to be productive and efficient in delivering patient-centred care, with integrated flows across community and social care; and
- Ensuring our estates and workforce are aligned to support our population from cradle to grave.

2. Transform delivery models to support self-care, deliver better care close to home and high quality secondary care

Issue

Transforming our delivery models is essential to empowering our residents to manage their own health and wellbeing and tackling the variations in quality, access and outcomes that exist in NEL. There are still **pockets of poor primary care quality and delivery**. We have a history of innovation with two of the five **devolution pilots (see appendix for detailed plans)** in London, an Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) vanguard and a Multispecialty Community Provider (MCP) in development. However, we realise that these separate delivery models in each health economy will not deliver the benefits of transformative change. Crucially, we must **establish a system vision** that leverages community assets and ensures that residents are **proactive** in managing their own physical and mental health and receive coordinated, quality care in the right setting.

Actions

We have a unique opportunity to bring alive our system-wide vision for better care and wellbeing. We are already working together on a system-wide clinical strategy; this will build on our two devolution pilots in BHR and CH, and the TST programme (which is being implemented already in WEL). At its core we are committed to:

- Transforming primary care and addressing areas of poor quality/access, this will include offering accessible support from 8am to 8pm (seven days a week), with greater collaboration across practices to work to support localities, and address workforce challenges; and
- Addressing hospital services: streamlining outpatient pathways, delivering better urgent and emergency care, coordinating planned care/surgery, maternity choice and encouraging provider collaboration. This will allow us to meet all of our core standards including those relating to RTT and A&E, and enable the planned ED closure of King George Hospital.

3. Ensure our health and social care providers remain sustainable

Issue

Many of our health and social care providers face challenging financial circumstances; this is especially true with Bart's Health and BHRUT being in special measures. Both are currently being re-inspected to ensure that all necessary recommendations are embedded. Although our hospitals have made significant progress in creating productivity and improvement programmes, we recognise that medium term provider-led cost improvement plans cannot succeed in isolation: our providers need to collaborate on improving the costs of workforce, support services and diagnostics. Our challenge is to create a roadmap for viability that is supported at **a whole system level** with NEL coordinated support, transparency and accountability.

Actions

Our health and social care providers are committed to working together to achieve sustainability. Changes to our NEL service model will help to ensure fewer people either attend or are admitted to hospitals unnecessarily (and that those admitted can be treated and discharged more efficiently):

- We have significant cost improvement plans, which will be complimented by a strong collective focus on driving greater efficiency and productivity initiatives. This will happen both within and across our providers (e.g. procurement, clinical services, back office and bank/agency staff);
- The providers are now evaluating options for formal collaboration to help support their shared ambitions; and
- Devolution pilots in BHR and CH are actively exploring opportunities with local authorities, which will be set out in their forthcoming business cases.

4. Transform specialised services

Issue

NEL residents are served by a number of high quality and world class specialist services; many of these are based within NEL, others across London. We have made progress recently in reconfiguring our local cancer and cardiac provision. However, the quality and sustainability of specialist services varies and we need to ensure that we realise the benefits of the reviews that have been carried out so far. Our local financial gap of £134m and the need for **collaboration** both present challenges to the transformation of our specialised services. We need to move to a more collaborative working structure in order to ensure high quality, accessible specialist services for our residents, both within and outside our region, and to realise our vision of becoming a truly world class destination for specialist services.

Actions

We will continue to deliver and commission world class specialist services. Our fundamental challenge is demand and associated costs are growing beyond proposed funding allocations. We recognise that this must be addressed by:

- Working collaboratively with NHS England and other STP footprints, as patients regularly move outside of NEL for specialised services; and
- Working across the whole patient pathway for our priority areas from prevention, diagnosis, treatment and follow up care – aiming to improve outcomes whilst delivering improved value for money.

5. Create a system-wide decision making model that enables placed-based care and clearly involves key partner agencies

Issue

Our plans for proactive, integrated, and coordinated care require changes to the way we work in developing system leadership and transforming commissioning. We have plans to **transform commissioning** with capitated budgets in WEL, a pooled health and social care budget in BHR and in CH. Across NEL, we recognise that creating accountable care systems with integrated care across sectors will require joining previously separate services and close working between local authorities and other partners; our plans for **devolution** (see appendix) have made significant progress in meeting the challenge of integration. New models of system leadership and commissioning that are driven by real time data, have the ability to support delivery models that are truly **people-centred and sustainable** in the long term.

Actions

We are committed to establishing robust leadership arrangements, based on agreed principles that provide clarity and direction to the NEL health and wellbeing system, and can drive through our plans. For us, involving local authority leaders is the only way to create a system which responds to our population's health and wellbeing needs. Building on our history of collaboration, we have agreed a set of principles which our leaders will be accountable for, including a commitment to making NEL-wide decisions as opposed to local decisions whenever appropriate. This will help us to deliver the scale of change required at pace to deliver place-based care for our population.

6. Maximise the use of our infrastructure so that it supports our vision

Issue

Delivering new models of primary and secondary care at scale will require modern, fit-for-purpose and cost-effective infrastructure. Currently, our workforce model is outdated as are many of our buildings; Whipps Cross, for example, requires £80 million of critical maintenance. This issue is compounded by the fact that some providers face significant financial pressures stemming from around **£53m remaining excess PFI cost**. Some assets will require significant investment; others will need to be sold. The benefits from sale of resources will be reinvested in the NEL health and social systems. **Devolution** will be helpful in supporting this vision. **Coordinating and owning a plan** for infrastructure and estates at a NEL level will be challenging; **we need to develop approaches to risk and gain share that support our vision.**

Actions

Infrastructure is a crucial enabler for our system-wide delivery model. We need to deliver care in modern, fit for purpose buildings and to meet the capacity challenges produced by a growing population. We are now working on a common estates strategy which will identify priorities for FY16/17 and beyond. This will contain a single NEL plan for investment and disposals, utilisation and productivity and managing PFI, with a key principle of investing any proceeds from disposals in delivering the STP vision.