Isle of Wight health and care sustainability plan

January 2019
Executive summary

This report is the Isle of Wight (IW) clinical and financial sustainability plan to 2021/22. It will be followed by an implementation plan by end of February 2019.

The IW health and care system serves a population of 140,000 people with significant seasonal population increases. Despite the presence of an integrated Trust (acute, community, mental health, ambulance) with a co-terminal IW Council for the island geography, historic challenges remain. These include recent leadership changes, IW Trust restructuring, marginal gains from prior care redesign and lack of clarity on the acute service model for the island.

Despite historic progress in some areas such as hospital front door activity, there is a strong case for change. On demand this relates to 5% of the population with complex needs using more than one third of total health and care resources (over £100m), without a fully comprehensive care model for their needs. On quality, IW Trust has CQC ratings that require improvement, particularly for community services and the system lacks a comprehensive community mental health model of care. A deep dive into the IW acute length of stay challenge via a bed audit and independent clinical review highlighted 43% of patients medically fit to leave have waited for over a week.

Our long term vision that “people will live healthy and independent lives” will be realised in the long term. Right now, we will start this journey by achieving clinical and financial sustainability for our health and care system.

Our sustainability plan consists of three domains – care models, productivity and networks. Care models include community supported care, mental health and supporting return to home. Productivity focuses on IW Trust productivity, CCG QIPP priorities and IW Council social care productivity. The ambulance service and mental health care model will be networked with other providers to accelerate relevant service change.

Next steps will focus on high impact areas for care quality/safety and financial sustainability. These are productivity initiatives for IW Trust, IW CCG and IW Council plus work to reduce length of stay for medically fit patients via a multidisciplinary discharge team and enhanced flow and discharge processes.
This sustainability plan had been designed to conclude previous work on strategy and to provide clarity on health and social care improvements in the next few years.

**Collective response**

**Since October 2018** we have taken collective action across the health and care system to meet the requirement for a clinical and financial sustainability plan.

We have **formed an executive group** to accelerate system decision making consisting of executive leads, chairs, system finance lead and a councilor from IW Trust, IW CCG and IW Council.

To **develop working relationships** in this group we have used external support to guide our decision making and challenge process.

We recognised that the existing case for change was not comprehensive enough and was partially out of date. As a result we rapidly **determined the health and care case for change**.

The case for change work identified a large scale **length of stay challenge**. This led to us **commissioning a bed audit and independent clinical review** of all Trust beds to determine actions to remedy this challenge.

We have doubled the meeting frequency of our **system finance group** to develop this plan for improvement for the IOW.

**Priority action**

This sustainability plan outlines **focus areas to complete by 2021/22**. We have **already started work** on areas that will have **greatest quality/safety and financial impact**.

We are **accelerating productivity/QIPP programmes** across the care system. This includes schemes for all three organisations:

- **IW Trust** – *outpatient reductions; theatres utilisation*
- **IW CCG** – *Increasing range of primary care services*
- **IW Council** – *ASC retendering services; modernization; reconfiguration*

We are implementing a new **multidisciplinary discharge team** to reduce the time patients spend in hospital once they are medically fit to leave.

We are creating standard **discharge protocols and processes** (from front door to return to home) to reduce the time that patients spend in hospital.
Drivers for change
The Isle of Wight population is older and more deprived with more people living alone than nationally.

The Isle of Wight population is older than the England average by six years.

While there is variation in deprivation across the island, overall deprivation ranks in the lower quartile compared with peer group areas and ranks 83 out of 326 local authorities nationally.

Living environment deprivation also ranks in the lower quartile compared with peer group areas.

Education is ranked lowest in the index of multiple deprivation against peer group areas and ranks 44 out of 326 local authorities nationally.

Health deprivation overall is almost 50% lower than the national mean.

More people live alone on the Isle of Wight (15%) than nationally (12%).

The island has greater incidence of dementia, stroke and LD than nationally.

For analysis in this report we have compared IW care demand and capacity with peers that exhibit similar population and disease profiles.
Demand for care services on the island is predominantly driven by 5% of service users requiring 36% of resource, with acute length of stay being a challenge.

Today, we provide health and care services to our population of **140,000 people**. The most complex cohorts represent 5% of the population (**7,000 individuals**) whom use 36% of the total resources (**£106m out of £294m**).

**A&E activity** in 2017/18 was only 1.7% higher than the peer top quartile and is **better than the national top quartile**.

**Non elective spells** in 2017/18 were **lower than** both the national and peer top quartile.

Demand for **999 services have fallen** compared with a national increase and are increasingly more **likely to result in a “see and treat” outcome** instead of “see and convey” compared with the national trend.

Although **111 calls** have grown compared with the national average, there has been a **1.5% increase in people triaged to “no other service”** whereas nationally this outcome has fallen.

Since April 2015, **A&E attendances and non-elective spells have fallen** (2.1% and 0.6% average per quarter, respectively) compared with peer and national increases.

Demand for **older adults admitted to social care** is **similar to the national mean** but presents a **25% opportunity** to move to **peer top quartile**.
IW Trust has the highest mental health adult rate of admissions and the lowest mental health adult length of stay in the country

Adult acute admissions
Admissions per 100,000 weighted population

Adult acute length of stay
Days

Adult acute admissions for mental health were the highest of any mental health Trust in England in 2016/17 despite two peers in the national upper quartile.

Conversely, the adult length of stay is the lowest of any in the country. This suggests that there is a “revolving door” care model for mental health whereby service users are admitted due to lack of effective community provision.

This was corroborated by an independent clinical review that confirmed repeat attendance for mental health inpatients known to the IW Trust.

Older adult mental health admissions are also in the lower quartile compared with nationally, again partly due to the lack of a community model of mental health care.

Adult costs per occupied bed day are almost £600, compared with the national mean of just over £400.
The independent clinical review highlighted three sets of challenges to address

**Management and metrics**

**Lack of available and consistent data** on pathway delays
The focus of the system is **not getting the hospital down to a safe level of occupancy** – even on OPEL 4 the responses across the system do not seem to make a material impact.

**Systems and processes**

A **complex multitude of models of care** both in the hospital and in the community

**Poor links between hospital and community** and poor links with **nursing home community beds and GPs**

**Lack of specialist pathways** in community rehab (e.g. non weight bearing; “maintenance” rehab approach), MH (e.g. emotionally unstable personality disorder) and housing (e.g. bariatric)

Lack of community provision for **services that could easily be delivered outside of hospital** – e.g. IV antibiotics

**Perceived lack of social care availability** – patients reportedly waiting for packages or residential / nursing homes

**Case note management is inconsistent** and assessments are not started until patient is medically fit for discharge – lack of discharge planning

**MFFD ward is under-resourced** in terms of therapies support and expediting discharge

**Patchy community MH services** due to issues with staffing and increasing use of agency staff as well as a perceived difficulty in keeping up to date with services that are available

**Leadership, capabilities and behaviour**

**Need for system and clinical leadership** to focus on collective and internal approaches to tackling excess length of stay

A **risk averse culture** with a lack of sense of urgency that appears to be historic

**Poor communication** between all parties

Mindset is not that bedded capacity is a scarcity and therefore **beds are being used when more appropriate alternatives exist**
Future vision
Our long term vision will be achieved through continual improvement and innovation

Our vision is that “people will live healthy and independent lives”

To achieve it we will make continuous improvements for the island population

Our work to develop “One Public Service” for the island (shown left) is one way we are coming together across IW Council, Trust and CCG to meet this vision

We won’t avoid difficult decisions and will stop work that doesn’t meet our vision

We will innovate and learn as we improve services and spread lessons across our whole care system

Source: IW system project board; IW One Public Service working group
Care models
The community care model will be built around an MDT with proactive and holistic care.

Supporting services:
- Self care and self management
- Ensuring suitable living environment
- Care and support planning
- Case Management & Care Navigation

Supporting people to be healthy and independent

Dorothy is 79, frail, has type 2 diabetes, COPD, cognitive impairment and depression.

Episodic specialised inpatient care
Emergency admission requiring hospital treatment

Integrated health and social care package delivery
- Housing support
- Care planning
- Wellbeing coaching
- Discharge support
- End of life
- Rapid response
- Reablement

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Specialist opinion
Social prescribing
Housing services
Eight interventions will improve care for older people with complex needs

| Supporting people to be healthy and independent | Support people and their carers to take control of the improvement, maintenance and recovery of their health and wellbeing. Promote individual management of care using education, carer support and peer involvement |
| Suitible living environment, meaningful activity and social integration. | Work to ensure people have a place to live and meaningful activities to do that will preserve long-term health & wellbeing. Includes housing support and improvements, “social prescribing”, social interaction with the community and employment support |
| Coordinated care & support planning with multi-disciplinary teams | People will be supported to create holistic care plans and crisis (anticipatory/ advance) plans in accordance with their wishes and the principles of realistic medicine. |
| Coordinated care for people who need it | Person centered, coordinated care and support, provided by a multi-disciplinary team (MDT), according to the person's individual care and support needs and plan. The MDT is likely to be co-located with a community setting at the level of a GP cluster |
| Integrated care in or close to the home. | A single signposting point linked to any entry route for a person, GP, community services or acute staff to support people with their care |
| Rapid Response | The ability within an MDT to respond rapidly to a crisis or unexpected care need (physical, psychological or social) that left unattended would result in rapid deterioration or hospital admission |
| Transferring care, recovery and reablement | A pro-active, anticipatory service designed to target those people who are fit for discharge/transfer of care out of facilities, no longer requiring an inpatient bed, but still needing some level of care to prevent their health from deteriorating |
| Supporting services | The ability for primary care professionals to access a specialist opinion (relating to physical, psychological or social need) in the community setting and where appropriate, a specialist triage for diagnostics. Access to diagnostic services and the ability to ensure diagnostic results are full and timely will reduce the need for multiple outpatient appointments |
## People will be supported to return to home with ten interventions

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<td><strong>1. Effective front door</strong></td>
<td>An effective front door at acute hospitals can impact delays at the back door by reducing unnecessary admissions of patients who could be better cared for in the community.</td>
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<td><strong>2. Early discharge planning</strong></td>
<td>In emergency care, robust systems need to be in place to develop plans for management and discharge, and to allow an expected date of discharge to be set within 48 hours. In elective care, planning should begin before admission.</td>
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<td><strong>3. Systems to monitor patient flow</strong></td>
<td>Robust patient flow models for health and social care, including electronic patient flow systems, enable teams to identify and manage problems (for example, if capacity is not available to meet demand) and to plan services around the individual.</td>
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<td><strong>4. Multi-disciplinary/agency discharge teams</strong></td>
<td>Coordinated discharge planning – based on joint assessment processes and protocols and on shared and agreed responsibilities – promotes effective discharge and positive outcomes for patients.</td>
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<td><strong>5. Home first/Discharge to assess</strong></td>
<td>Providing short-term care and reablement in people’s homes or using ‘step-down’ beds to bridge the gap between hospital and home means that people no longer need wait unnecessarily for assessments in hospital. In turn, this reduces delayed discharges and improves patient flow.</td>
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<td><strong>6. Seven-day service</strong></td>
<td>Effective joint 24/7 working improves the flow of people through the system and across the interface between health and social care meaning that services are more responsive to people’s needs.</td>
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<td><strong>7. Trusted assessors</strong></td>
<td>Using trusted assessors to carry out a holistic assessment of need avoids duplication and speeds up response times so that people can be discharged in a safe and timely way.</td>
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<td><strong>8. Focus on choice</strong></td>
<td>Early engagement with patients, families and carers is vital. A robust protocol, underpinned by a fair and transparent escalation process, is essential so that people can consider their options. The voluntary and community sector can be a real help to patients in supporting them to explore their choices and reach decisions about their future care.</td>
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<td><strong>9. Enhancing health in care homes</strong></td>
<td>Offering people joined-up, coordinated health and care services, for example by aligning community nurse teams and GP practices with care homes, can help reduce unnecessary admissions to hospital as well as improve hospital discharge.</td>
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<td><strong>10. Care home availability</strong></td>
<td>Providing care home places in the community, with the specific capabilities to manage the needs of complex patients will improve delayed discharge.</td>
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LGA ‘High impact change model’, CF analysis
We have developed a mental health blueprint that serves as a starting point for community mental health service development

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<th>Progress</th>
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| 1 Detailed understanding of the mental health population by cohort segmentation | • Common mental health disorders  
• Psychosis/severe mental illness  
• Dementia | TBC | • Segmentation analysis  
• Cohort spend  
• Cohort outcomes |
| 2 Service offer | • Urgent/crisis support  
• Liaison team  
• Integrated dementia team(s)  
• Single point of access  
• Wellbeing services  
• Recovery  
• Specialised placements | High level description in IW draft mental health blueprint | • Clinical impact on specific cohorts  
• Financial impact on specific cohorts  
• Investment required |
| 3 Delivery approach | • Network  
• Community provision  
• Third sector  
• Inpatient care | TBC | • Network development with off-island provider(s)  
• Approach to working with third sector |

SOURCE: IW community mental health and wellbeing service business case draft January 2019
Next steps
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We are delivering against this sustainability plan now to address our significant sustainability challenges. We recognise that doing nothing will only exacerbate our current challenges (e.g. not acting now on the length of stay challenge will tip historic overall Trust performance at the front door in the wrong direction and increase quality/safety concerns).

We will move into more detailed planning of additional activities from February.

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<td><strong>Accelerating productivity/QIPP programmes e.g.</strong></td>
<td>Develop implementation plan for areas ready to deliver vs greater planning (Inc. need for formal consultation)</td>
<td>Accelerate wider system engagement (including GPs, staff and independent sector)</td>
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<td>• IW Council – ASC retendering services; modernization; reconfiguration</td>
<td>Understand local capacity and capability to manage and deliver change</td>
<td>Focus on areas requiring further detailed planning support with longer term gains (e.g. prevention services)</td>
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<td>• IW Trust – LoS; outpatient reductions</td>
<td>Determine local governance and leadership model</td>
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