



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between

NORTH EAST CCG on behalf of the NORTH EAST ESSEX HEALTH AND WELLBEING ALLIANCE

And

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL and TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL on behalf of the NORTH EAST ESSEX HEALTH AND WELLBEING ALLIANCE'S STAY WELL DOMAIN.

**NORTH EAST ESSEX HEALTH AND WELLBEING ALLIANCE – HEALTHY HOUSING**

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Investment of funding to support the ongoing work and development around activities associated with and under the umbrella of 'Healthy Housing'. This Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') sets out the terms and understanding between NHS North East Essex Commissioning Group (CCG) on behalf of the NHS Health and Wellbeing Alliance and Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council on behalf of the Stay Well Domain for the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance (together referred to as "the Parties"). The MOU has been put in place to support the ongoing delivery and innovative response to addressing health and housing across the place agenda.

The health and housing initiatives sits within the context of the Stay Well Domain at 'place' and works towards delivering key elements of the Department of Health and Social Care's White Paper - Integration and innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all.

**1. Background**

Since its inception the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance has been working collaboratively at the place level to better understand the health and social care needs of its local population. Within this addressing the wider determinants of health is our key motivation and in doing so, Housing forms an essential part of how we come together to deliver better more sustainable, physical, mental and social health for our citizens as part of the Stay Well agenda.

We recognise that the demand on existing healthy homes initiatives has increased considerably against the backdrop of Covid-19, quicker discharge from hospital and the impacts of national lock-downs.

The North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance has committed two separate amounts of funding to support the existing service pressure and continued efforts of Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council across our places. Teams currently work closely together to support our citizens and through this MOU we will be able to collaborate further for the benefit of our population.

North East Essex CCG (NEE CCG) agrees to transfer £165k to Colchester Borough Council and £165k to Tendring District Council, to work collaboratively with the NEE CCG and Alliance to develop and agree a range of outcomes to deliver against joined up aspirations as set out below or as otherwise agreed by the Parties.

## **2. Purpose**

This MOU describes how Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council, will propose uses for the funding in collaboration with the Stay Well Domain and North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance to enable a North East Essex approach to addressing the wider determinants of health through housing related schemes.

The funds will be used to meet the key outcomes as detailed in the NEE Alliance Delivery plan related to Stay Well and its linked work into the wider determinants of health and reduction of inequalities for our local population:

**Stay well – Adults with health or care concerns are supported to maintaining healthy, productive and fulfilling lives.**

- Improve the Mortality rate from causes considered preventable
- Reduced Incidence of emergency admissions for people with a long-term condition, disability and/or organ failure
- Improved Percentage change in overall Patient Activation Measure (knowledge, skills and confidence to manage their health and wellbeing)
- Reduce the Gap in employment rate between those with a long-term health condition and the overall employment rate
- Improve the numbers of Carers reporting a good quality of life

The two separate investments will work together to address specific areas of continued development as outlined below.

- Building on previous programmes of work bringing Mental Health support into the environmental teams to support the wider determinants of health and support tenants to remain in safe housing.
- Linking with but not duplicating existing equipment grants to support independent living in a resident's own home supporting those with Long Term Conditions.

- Linking with but not duplicating local work to reduce and eradicate homelessness for local residents, supporting local residents to be in safe accommodation.
- Linking with but not duplicating local work on reducing the number of vulnerable households/residents living in cold homes and in fuel poverty.
- Linking with but not duplicating local work to identify and assist residents with the most complex needs/issues linked with their housing conditions.
- Linking with but not duplicating local work to develop and improve access reliable services to support the discharge of vulnerable residents who have ongoing health conditions, reduced mobility, or are at risk of readmission due to housing factors.

### **3. Governance**

- i. This investment has been approved by the CCG Operational Executive Committee which works in tandem with the Alliance Committee under similar Terms of Reference as delegated by the CCG Board.
- ii. All parties will work together to develop and agree a range of outcomes building on the existing work and in contribution to the objectives of the Alliance.
- iii. The funding will be held by Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council, as Accountable Bodies respectively on behalf of the NEE HWB Alliance in a dedicated budget line and will be subject to the Councils' internal governance arrangements.
- iv. All spending proposals must contribute to the delivery of the outcomes. Spending proposals can only be enacted on agreement of all of the Parties and by approval via the NEE HWB Alliance Committee.
- v. Spending and outcomes will be monitored and reported to the NEE Health and Wellbeing Alliance Committee/Leadership Board and via the Alliance Change Management Office reporting routes as required as part of the reporting of the Stay Well domain work progress.
- vi. North East Essex CCGs Responsible Officer is Pam Green, NEE CCG Chief Operating Officer and Executive Lead for the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance.
- vii. Tendring District Council's Responsible Officer is Anastasia Simpson, Assistant Director for Partnerships.
- viii. The MOU is not a contract for services to be delivered by Tendring District Council on behalf of the Parties and any agreed outcomes and spending proposals will detail the delivery organisations on behalf of the Alliance;
- ix. The MOU is not a commitment for ongoing funding by any party but is for continued development of services described in section 2 above up until the end of March 2023.
- x. No other spend against this budget will be allowed without agreement by the Parties and approval from NEE Alliance Committee.

### **4. Payment Mechanism**

- i. Colchester Brough Council will submit a one-off invoice for £165k  
*and*

- ii. Tendring District Council will submit a one-off invoice for £165k; to the address below.

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NHS North East Essex CCG,

06T payables K575,

Topcliffe lane,

Wakefield,

West Yorkshire,

WF3 1WE,

Any underspend against this funding at the end of this initiative date (31st March 2023) will be returned to North East Essex CCG, or subsequent body as defined as ICS post April 2022.

For clarity, funding is non-recurrent and does not indicate any commitment from NHS North East Essex or any subsequent entity to fund ongoing services from the end of this project duration.

## **5. Duration**

This MOU may be modified by either party with permission from the NEE HWB Alliance Committee and becomes effective upon signature by the authorised officers from NHS North East Essex, Colchester Borough and Tendring District Councils and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by one of the parties by mutual consent.

In the absence of mutual agreement by authorised officers, this MOU will automatically expire on 31st March 2023 and any unspent monies shall be returned to the CCG or subsequent entity.

## **6. Dispute resolution**

If any disputes arise, the Parties must first attempt to settle it through the Chief Operating Officer of NEE CCG and Chief Executive of Tendring District Council and Responsible Officers. If these parties are unable to resolve the dispute it shall be referred to the NEE HWB Alliance for resolution.

## **7. Mediation**

If the parties in dispute are unable to settle the dispute through the above measures the Parties shall appoint an independent mediation body.

The costs and the expenses incurred as a result of seeking mediation shall be borne individually by each party.

Authorised Officer: North East Essex CCG

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Position: Chief Operating Officer NEE CCG & NEE HWB Alliance Executive Lead

Name: Pam Green

Date:

Authorised Officer: Tendring District Council

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Name:

Date .....

Authorised Officer: Colchester Borough Council

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Name:

Date .....