



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

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

And

Tendring District Council

And

East Suffolk and North East Essex Foundation Trust

NORTH EAST ESSEX HEALTH AND WELLBEING ALLIANCE – ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES AT PLACE

Investment of funding to support the ongoing work and development around activities associated with and under the umbrella of 'Addressing Inequalities at Place'. This Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') sets out the terms and understanding between NHS North East Essex Commissioning Group (NEE CCG) on behalf of the NHS Health and Wellbeing Alliance, Tendring District Council and the East Suffolk and North East Essex Foundation Trust (together referred to as "the Parties"). The MOU has been put in place to support the ongoing delivery and innovative response to addressing inequalities at place and via the Integrated Community Services Contract.

The Inequalities initiative sits within the context of 'place' as part 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.

We recognise the inequalities across our place and how the impact of covid has exacerbated the impact felt by our citizens.

We know that inequalities within our population are underpinned by the wider social determinants of health and care, which are heavily influenced by the broad social and economic circumstances in to which people are born, live, work and grow old. This can often mean that poorer individuals experiencing worse health and care outcomes than people who are better off. Similarly, children growing up in more deprived communities often suffer disadvantages throughout their lives, from educational attainment through to employment prospects, which can affect their physical and mental wellbeing. In recognition of our challenges surrounding inequality and our commitment to effect population change, the Alliance recognises and has adopted the principles set out in the Marmot approach as outlined in “Fair Society, Healthy Lives: The Marmot Review”.

This means the Alliance will focus on preventative activities to reduce health inequalities. The Alliance will place central importance on the elements that support wellbeing such as good quality housing, good employment and educational attainment to address the root causes of poor health. (Source: NEE Alliance Local Delivery Plan, 2020)

The North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance has committed two separate amounts of funding to support the continued efforts with Tendring District Council across place and to support the future needs of our citizens as we recover and develop integration across our community services.

North East Essex CCG (NEE CCG) and the East Suffolk and North East Essex Foundation Trust (ESNEFT) each agree to transfer a non-recurrent contribution of £200k to support the ongoing work of these inequality initiatives. The total value of this transfer is therefore £400k.

The NEE CCG and ESNEFT agree to transfer the above funding to Tendring District Council to work collaboratively with the NEE CCG and Alliance to develop and agree a range of outcomes to deliver against our joint aspirations as set out below or as otherwise agreed by the Parties.

2. Purpose

This MOU describes how Tendring District Council will propose uses for the funding in collaboration with the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance to enable a North East Essex approach to addressing inequalities. The two separate investments will work together to address specific areas of continued development as outlined below.

i. NEE CCG Contribution £200k:

Will be used flexibly to meet the challenges of tackling inequalities and will complement not duplicate any Realising Ambitions funding and the work being undertaken within the VCSE as leading work supporting reducing BAME Inequalities that is funded separately from this funding pot.

We will use the Inequalities Group to take forward the Outcomes Based Accountability approach to build on what is already happening, and collectively shape and design a programme of activity to turn the curves. This should result in a series of principles to guide all that we do, as well as a balance of immediate changes / actions, with big ideas and inform the use of the funding over the period.

We will use an Asset Based Community Development focus on the strengths and unity of the different groups to bring them together and stop working in silos with specific groups.

We will explore as a system how we can better understand the impact of our interventions and understand the commitment to longer term objectives.

ii. ESNEFT Contribution £200k:

ESNEFT's contribution is specifically related to activities and services which can be developed within the scope of the North East Essex Integrated Community Services contract (NICS). The contract serves to better integrate services across multiple providers to best meet the community care needs of the local population. This investment will facilitate the specific development of opportunities to address inequalities using the NICS contract as a vehicle for delivery.

3. Governance

- i. For NEECCG 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. For ESNEFT the investment has been agreed by the Trust Executive
- iii. All parties will work together to develop and agree a range of outcomes building on the existing work and in contribution to the Alliance objectives and within that the objectives of NICS.
- iv. The funding will be held by Tendring District Council, as Accountable Body on behalf of the NEE HWB Alliance in a dedicated budget line and will be subject to the Council's internal governance arrangements.
- v. 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 following recommendation agreements at the Strategy Group.
- vi. Spending and outcomes will be monitored and reported to the NEE Health and Wellbeing Alliance Committee and via the Alliance Change Management Office reporting routes for the Inequalities Task and Finish group and the overall all deliverables of the Strategy Group reporting to the Alliance Board.
- vii. 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.
- viii. Tendring District Council's Responsible Officer is Anastasia Simpson, Assistant Director for Partnerships.
- ix. ESNEFT's Responsible officer is Neill Moloney, Managing Director
- x. The MOU is not a contract for services to be delivered by Tendring District Council on behalf of the Parties and any agreed outcome and spending proposals will detail the delivery organisations on behalf of the Alliance.
- xi. 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.
- xii. No other spend against this budget will be allowed without agreement by the Parties and approval from NEE Alliance Committee.

4. Payment Mechanism

- i. Tendring District Council will submit a one off invoice for £200k to the following address:

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NHS North East Essex CCG,

06T payables K575,

Topcliffe lane,

Wakefield,

West Yorkshire,

WF3 1WE,

Any underspend against this £200k at the end of this initiative date (31st March 2023) will be returned to North East Essex CCG.

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.

- ii. Tendring District Council will submit a one-off invoice to ESNEFT for £200k to the following address:

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS FT

Finance Department

North Lodge

Colchester General Hospital

Turner Road

Colchester

Essex CO4 5JL

Any underspend against this £200k at the end of this initiative date (31st March 2023) will be returned to ESENEFT.

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 and ESNEFT and the responsible officer of Tendring District Council 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 ESNEFT depending on, in which section of the MOU arrangements, the underspend occurred.

6. Dispute resolution

If any disputes arise, the Parties must first attempt to settle it through the Chief Operating Officer of NEE CCG, Managing Director of ESNEFT 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: ESNEFT

Signed

Position: Director of Finance

Name: Adrian Marr

Date

Authorised Officer: Tendring District Council

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Position:

Name:

Date