

Our ambition for modern health and care services in Somerset

People to live healthy and independent lives, supported by thriving and connected communities with timely and easy access to high-quality and efficient public services when they need them

Our priorities

We know changes will be more effective if we focus on a small number of things each year, concentrating our efforts on actions that will have the greatest impact so together we have agreed five priority areas of focus for health and care that we will work on to begin to change how we deliver by April 2020:

Prevention

We want to invest more to help people stop getting ill in the first place; focussing on;

- Development of social prescribing
- Prevention of cardiovascular disease

Development of local services

- Development of neighbourhood integrated teams across Somerset, supporting people at home rather than in hospital.

Strengthening more specialist and acute services

- Design the model for acute service provision that ensures both hospitals have a vibrant future and distinct purpose with stronger links with other hospitals outside of Somerset.
- Increase the capacity in the primary and community-based adult mental health services and continue the development of home treatment services to provide an alternative to mental health inpatient admission and support discharge from hospital.
- Review a new model for the provision of earlier intervention services for children in crisis.

Developing an Integrated Care System

- Work together to develop systems that support information sharing, joint decision making, service integration and rebalancing resource allocation towards prevention and place-based care.

Improving our financial position

- Develop and start delivering a three year financial recovery plan.

Key enablers

Bringing health and care together in a way that is sustainable, whilst also making improvements to how we deliver services is not going to be easy and we need to:

We want to make Somerset an attractive place to work with an agile and digitally connected workforce able to work in new ways and locations delivering care pathways that cross traditional boundaries and helping people stay as healthy as possible.