



Collaboration for health and care integration in North East Lincolnshire

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Quick overview

- Where we started from
- Where we are going to
- An overview of how we use and manage pooled funds





The Journey Begins

- Formal arrangements between North East Lincolnshire Council and the then Primary Care Trust began in 2004 with mental health service commissioning
- Partnership working was expanded in 2007 to include adult social care, public health, and children's services, underpinned by a Section 75 Agreement (s75)
- The s75 was refreshed in 2013 when the then Care Trust Plus became North East Lincolnshire CCG
- The Better Care Fund was introduced in 2014

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North East Lincolnshire's (NEL) Model

- Initially, NEL worked on a lead commissioner model (based on delegation of functions by each partner to the other);
- More recently, an ACP has been created: Together Ltd is a community benefit society comprising NEL's key providers (NLaG, Care Plus Group, Navigo and focus independent adult social work).
- By April 2020 Together Ltd will manage a capitated health and care budget with delegated responsibility for making and/ or buying services NEL's strategic commissioning is now led by the 'union', which provides more opportunities for joint commissioning





Development of the Union

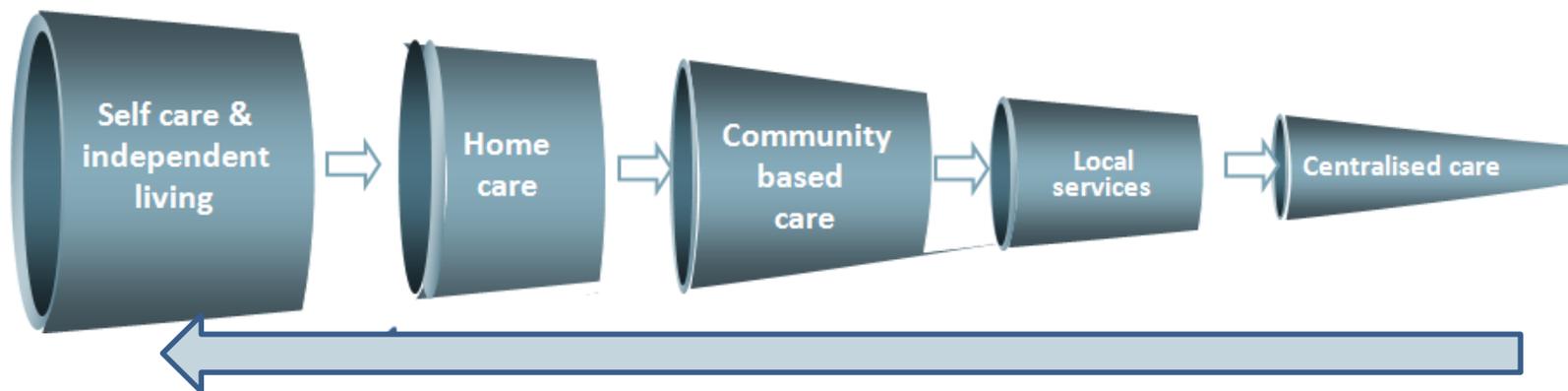
- An options appraisal identified that enhanced partnership (union) with single leadership team best supports shared ambition for NEL
- Each statutory organisation continues to discharge the partners' retained responsibilities – no new organisation has been created
- Arrangements via an extended s75 include as much as statute permits, so the partners can better shape/ manage pooled duties and resources, and harness greater commissioning power
- Development of robust governance arrangements designed to add value, and reduce the burden of governance, process and delivery
- Creates a powerful 'single voice' for NEL during the wide scale reform represented by the ACP and STP
- The Union will oversee all spend on health and adult social care, the 0-19 agenda and the broader determinants of wellbeing, such as public health, housing, education and skills etc
- The union began on 1st September 2017, led by a joint chief executive





What is NEL's Model Designed to Achieve?

Our vision is to deliver the right care, in the right place, by the right people, as close to home as possible, releasing the capacity and innovation which exists within our community to promote healthy living, self-care and prevention



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What is a pooled fund?

- More than one organisation contributes funding
- Can be used for one organisation to lead and commission services or functions or for more than one organisation to co-commission
- Section 75 can provide for flexible use of pooled funds
- In NEL each pooled fund has a defined use and permitted expenditure
- Host partner is appointed for the fund
 - Holds the money
 - Provides the administrative support for the fund





Pooled fund manager

Detailed in the section 75 are pooled fund manager responsibilities:

- the day to day operation and management of the Pooled Fund;
- ensuring that all expenditure from the Pooled Fund is in accordance with the provisions of the relevant scheme specification;
- maintaining an overview of all joint financial issues affecting the Partners
- ensuring that full and proper records for accounting purposes are kept in respect of the Pooled Fund;
- reporting on the use of the funds
- ensuring action is taken to manage any projected underspends or overspends
- preparing and submitting to the reports





Financial management and risk sharing

- Different rules depending on whether there is overspend, underspend, pooled or non pooled funding
- Host partner must ensure pooled fund is not overspent and must put in place actions to remedy if the approved limit looks set to be exceeded
- Duty to inform the other partner if there is likely to be an overspend in a pooled or non pooled fund
- Money can be moved around the partnership arrangements to balance the budgets if there is likely to be an overspend.
- Where there is an underspend, then it can be returned to the partners proportionate to their original contribution





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