Five Year Plan Summary

Our journey to becoming one of the first and most advanced Integrated Care Systems (ICS) in the country has been one of steady progress, solid performance and strong delivery.

We have built on our excellent foundation of working together and are now delivering positive improvements for our population.

We have been working as a partnership for three years and throughout this time, our vision has remained the same:

For everyone in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw to have the best possible start in life, with support to be healthy and live well, for longer.

We are in a transition year in 2019/20 as we start to have more responsibilities for our health system, including strategic planning and increasing collective accountability for health performance and finance. We will continue to evolve how we are organised and administered in line with developments and you can read more about our approach in our report - 5 Year Plan.

We published our first strategic plan in 2016 and have spent much of 2019 engaging with the public, patients, staff and partners on what they want to happen next. We used the NHS Long Term Plan, published in January 2019, as the backdrop for our conversations but we are not starting from scratch. Feedback from our conversations in 2017, on the back of our first plan, has also informed our thinking, approach and priorities.
Our 2019 Plan builds on our work to date and focuses around four key ambitions:

1. **Developing a population health system**

Healthy life expectancy is lower in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw compared to the national average. We have high levels of the common causes of disability and death, including high rates of smoking, obesity, physical inactivity and hospital admissions due to alcohol. This is called the ‘burden of illness’ and much of it can be prevented or delayed.

Our approach will consider the wider determinants of health – such as education, employment, the built and natural environment. We will tackle health inequalities by looking at the whole population and the individual person. Our focus will be helping people to have the best start in life, reducing harm from smoking, alcohol and obesity, improving cardio-respiratory health, improving mental health and wellbeing and early diagnosis and increased survival from cancer. We are setting ourselves ambitious targets to deliver improvements in population health.

We have started to make in-roads to improve the quality of care and outcomes in cancer, children's and maternity services and mental health and learning disabilities and we have launched the new South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Hyper Acute Stroke Service (HASU) and associated Hospital Network. We are also working with Yorkshire and the Humber Academic Health Science Network (YHAHSN) on a project to improve the self-management of Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) focusing on developing local innovations in primary care which could be delivered at scale. We will continue our work in these areas at the same time as widening our focus to include diabetes and respiratory conditions.

Supported by national transformation funding for some of our areas of work, such as cancer and mental health and primary care, we have been able to step up progress for patients in these areas.

As we take on more responsibilities for our health system for finance, we will increasingly become the route through which System funds flow and organisations work. We will deliver for tax payers, taking forward our efficiency plans while we work with new payment systems and incentives across our NHS organisations to achieve financial balance.

2. **Strengthening our foundations**

Since 2016, we have had thousands of conversations with the public, staff and our stakeholders – all of which have shaped not just this Plan but our ongoing work in the ICS. We will build on this strong platform with support from our Guiding Coalition and Citizens’ Panel to develop an online membership model and better understand how we can positively use the rich sources of patient experience data across the System.

Workforce issues are a key driver for much of the work of the ICS. Our staff provide services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and we must continue to support them to do the best possible job they can do.

Our Plan aims to tackle nursing shortages and secure current and future supply, make the NHS in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw the best place to work and improve our leadership culture while introducing new roles, rostering and programmes that enable flexibility for staff.

In 2016 we set out an ambitious journey to deliver digitally enabled care. Some of our partners have made positive progress in delivering digital capabilities to integrate health and care teams around the person, such as the Rotherham Health App - but we need to do more.
We will establish the basic digital capabilities across integrated health and care, ensure greater use of information and advancing capabilities and digitally enable citizens and professionals.

We also want to strengthen our approach to innovation and have partnered with the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network to establish an Innovation Hub which will become the vehicle for system-wide innovation.

3. Building a sustainable health and care system

There are now 30 Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, all preparing to extend the range of convenient local services and create integrated teams of GPs, community health and social care staff. Already they have met as a Network of Clinical Directors, supported by the Integrated Care System (ICS), to discuss how they will start to shape the delivery of local services and provide fast support to people in their own homes.

Since our 2016 plan, two of our ‘Places’ have launched urgent treatment centres to help people get the care they need fast and to relieve pressure on Emergency care departments. We are also trialling new pathways for urgent care and associated standards but we need to do more. We will increasingly start to treat people as ‘same day emergency care’ as we focus on out of hospital and in hospital emergency care.

We will build on the work we have started to give patients more options, control, better support and joined up care at the right time in the best care setting. In the next five years, we will take forward the recently formed Hospital Hosted Networks to ensure everyone has the same high quality standards and equal access.

By redesigning hospital support, we will give patients the right to alternative modes of appointment such as online, telephone or video consultations. We will also carry out more planned operations and join up care better by increasing access to shared medical records.

4. Broadening and strengthening our partnerships to increase our opportunity

Our strategic plan takes account of the majority of the work across the ICS taking place locally, in neighbourhoods or in Places and the partnerships we have and continue to develop are built around these strong local relationships serving local populations.

In addition to strengthening the connections we have in Neighbourhoods and in Place with our local authorities and the voluntary sector, we want to build on the role we play in the local and regional economy. The ICS is a partnership of many ‘anchor’ institutions, that is hospitals, local councils, and universities whose long-term sustainability is tied to the wellbeing of the populations they serve. We are committed to working with our partners to have an even greater impact on the factors that make people healthy.

Serving the same population, we share a number of ambitions with the Sheffield City Region and we have agreed some key priority areas that will be developed across health and care with both the SCR and our local authorities.

We are extremely grateful to the public, staff and stakeholders who have taken the time to share their views on the future of health and care services in our region. In doing so they have helped to shape the thinking and contributed to the aims and objectives in this Plan.