

A 'best city' approach to health and care services - organisations working as one

As leaders of organisations across the city, we have come together to set an ambition to create a sustainable, high quality health and social care system.

We want to ensure that services in Leeds can continue to provide high quality support that meets or exceeds the expectations of children, young people and adults across the city; the patients and carers of today and tomorrow.

We know that we will only meet the needs of individuals and our population if health and social care workers and their organisations work together in partnership.

We understand that the needs of patients and citizens are changing; the way in which people want to receive care is changing, and that people expect more flexible approaches that fit in with their lives and families.


Front line staff, leaders and managers across organisations are coming together in many ways. We are working closely with the voluntary, faith and charitable organisations, universities and investors to act as one; as if we were a virtual 'single

organisation' to improve the health and wellbeing of the people who live or use services in Leeds.

To do this we have agreed to work together in four ways:

1. Work with patients, carers, young people and families to enable them to take more control of their own health and care needs.
2. Provide high quality services in the right place, backed by excellent research, innovation and technology - including more support at home and in the community, and using hospitals for specialised care.
3. Remove barriers to make team working across organisations and professional groups the norm so that people receive seamless integrated support.
4. Use the Leeds £, our money and other resources, wisely for the good of the people we serve in a way in which also balances the books for the city.

This will be how we improve health and care services for people in Leeds and we are committed to working together to make Leeds the Best City in the UK for Health and Wellbeing.



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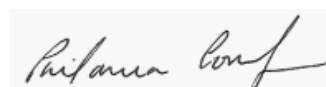
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...working closely with national NHS organisations, patients, their families, carers and the voluntary sector in Leeds.