



# Sefton partnership year end briefing

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With 2021 drawing to a close, health and care leaders from the Sefton Partnership would like to thank everyone involved in working towards integrating health and care services in the borough for all their endeavours, in this round up of key activities to date and some of the important priorities for the partnership in 2022.

Councillor Ian Moncur, chair of Sefton Health and Wellbeing Board and the partnership's task and finish group, said:

“Despite the challenges of the pandemic a huge amount of progress has been made in the development of our partnership. We should take pride in all we have achieved so far, both in terms of programme development and the strengthening of our partnership working relationships. 2022 will see our progress continue to move at pace and we look forward to the opportunities this will bring for the people of Sefton.”

Fiona Taylor, chief officer of both CCGs in Sefton, said;

“It's been an incredibly busy year for all of us and we'd like to say thank you for all your hard work in shaping our new partnership and ensuring that we continue to build on our long standing commitment to delivering greater integrated health and care services for the benefit of the people of Sefton.”

A great deal of progress has been made in the development of the partnership since organisations across health, care and the voluntary, community and faith sector (VCF) in Sefton agreed to its establish in spring this year.

The partnership builds on the many successes for integration in Sefton so far and is helping to deliver the aims of both the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the local five year plan for the NHS; Sefton2gether, for the shared vision for Sefton:

***“To deliver a confident and connected borough that offers the things we all need to start, live and age well, where everyone has a fair chance of a positive and healthier future.”***

During the year a huge amount of work has been achieved, including:

- Taking part in a Cheshire and Merseyside review of the readiness of place based arrangements which highlighted a several key strengths for Sefton. These included:
  - how leaders are working together towards a shared vision
  - how a number of existing integrated services and workstreams were running successfully
  - that there were established arrangements for engagement between partner organisations and the communities they serve.
- Bringing together our organisations to collaboratively shape our plans for how we will deliver on our priorities for improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Sefton



throughout all stages of their lives. Aligned to this, developing programmes of work to support better mental health, tackle obesity and enhance community resilience.

- Partner organisations have worked more collaboratively than ever before throughout the pandemic and this has helped build even stronger bonds between teams and organisations, particularly across workstreams such as integrated care, care homes, COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, flu and winter planning.
- Integrated care teams are in place across Sefton and the closer collaboration of the various teams involved is providing greater support for care home residents as well as helping to support the transfer of complex young people from children's services into adult care.

Deborah Butcher, Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health at Sefton Council and Place Lead for the development of the partnership in Sefton, said:

“There’s been a huge amount of effort and hard work to get to where we are now and I’d like to thank everyone involved. We’re looking forward to seeing the partnership run in shadow form early in the new year and our priorities for the first few months of 2022 will include establishing a shared understanding for how the partnership will work together, developing a framework for how we engage with our communities and share our data to help inform how we use this to shape services, and also developing plans for our funding streams and how our workforce is shaped to deliver local services.”

The Health and Care Bill underpinning integration between health and care services nationally is currently at the committee stage in the House of Lords and is expected to be made into legislation in April 2022.

Further updates will follow as these developments progress. In the meantime have a happy and healthy Christmas and a happy new year.