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## **Executive Summary - South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire Cancer Alliance Delivery Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21**

### **Introduction**

Cancer Alliances have been developed across the country as a way of bringing together local senior clinicians, managers and staff working in all areas of cancer services across the region. Together with the National Cancer Vanguard, they will lead the local delivery of the Independent Cancer Taskforce's ambitions for improving services, care and experiences for everyone affected by cancer by 2021.

Building on collaborative working already in place in South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire, our provider, commissioning and voluntary sector organisations have come together with regional experts to develop a plan for the future of cancer services in our region.

As part of the development of the Alliances, we have also been given the opportunity to bid for additional funding to help us achieve our ambitions.

### **Our vision**

Our vision is to work together to reduce the risk of people developing cancer, quickly diagnose and treat those who do, and develop services based around the whole person, not just their cancer.

We will support people to be healthy, get the best and most appropriate treatment, stay healthy and pain free after recovery, and when needed, die with dignity; giving support to family members and carers.

Mirroring the work of the wider South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and the Five Year Forward View, a key focus will be on prevention.

**“We are collaborators working to develop and implement a different model of cancer care for South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw.”**

To achieve our vision, we will work as a single team, with one budget, putting the person at the heart of what we do so they live well with and beyond cancer.

### **Our priorities**

Although significant improvements have been made in cancer survival in the last ten years, an ageing population and a rise in lifestyle related risk factors means that the

number of people being diagnosed with cancer is rising. In our region, 14,000 people are being treated for cancer each year, with this number expected to increase to 18,000 by 2030.

One of our key areas of focus will therefore be on **prevention** and we will work collaboratively to address the risk factors for cancer, eg smoking rates, through the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Healthy Lives Programme to reduce the chances of people developing cancer in the first place.

We will also focus on **early diagnosis** through screening programmes, eg for breast cancer, to understand the current variation in screening across the region and how we can increase uptake in all our local communities. The earlier a cancer is diagnosed, the sooner we can offer the most appropriate treatment and ultimately, have a better chance of increasing survival rates for our population.

Improving and expanding our approach to **diagnostic services** will be central to early diagnosis and treatment. By working together across the Alliance, we will standardise diagnosis and treatment based on best practice – making sure that no matter where a patient lives in our region, they have access to the same, high quality and most effective treatment for their needs.

By changing and improving the way we are organised as a system (**our architecture**) we will work together as one multidisciplinary, multi-site team to deliver person centred care and support for all people living with and beyond cancer.

## **Our plan**

- We will bring together local best practice for lung, breast, colorectal and prostate cancers to understand how we can share learning and approaches across the Alliance
- We will deliver targeted interventions to increase awareness of signs and symptoms
- We will develop focused campaigns for target populations to reduce the current variation in screening programme uptake across the region
- We will develop new models of care with multi-disciplinary diagnostic pathways and a focus on workforce education
- We will continually monitor and evaluate our approach through research to understand our impact and tailor our methods accordingly
- We will involve, listen to, and shape our services based on feedback and input from people affected by cancer and those who work to care for and support them

## **Listening to what people say**

Connecting with, listening to and getting feedback from people affected by cancer and those who work to treat, care for and support them is instrumental to the delivery of our plan.

Being at the heart of everything we do, we will have real and meaningful engagement with current patients, people living with and beyond cancer and the wider population to make sure that new ways of working truly reflect and incorporate their needs.

## **Next steps**

To help us achieve our ambitions, and those of the wider Sustainability and Transformation Plan, over the coming months we will ensure everyone is given an opportunity to see and understand our plan so they can share their views, knowledge and experiences to help shape our work and the way we deliver cancer care in the future.

For full details of our plan and to have your say, please visit:

[www.smybndccgs.nhs.uk](http://www.smybndccgs.nhs.uk)

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