

# Bolton's Locality Plan – Working Together for a Better Bolton

## What's it all about?

Bolton's Health and Care Locality Plan is all about our vision for how we want to improve our health and care services. It supports the devolution of health and care in Greater Manchester, which you may have heard something about already.

Our Locality Plan has two main aims for us to get to work on over the next five years:

1. Deliver real improvements in health and wellbeing for Bolton people.
2. Make services more sustainable for the future, in terms of money and patient care.

Devolution simply means that Greater Manchester gets more of a say on what happens here. It also means that our region gets to decide how the total £8 billion available in Greater Manchester for health and care should be spent.

## Working Together

The Locality Plan is the shared vision of:

Bolton's Commissioners – organisations who purchase health and social care services for Bolton people.

Bolton's Providers – organisations providing care both in the hospital and the community for the people of Bolton.

Our Key Partners – our voluntary and community sector organisations including our local Healthwatch

## What are we trying to do?

We all know there is more pressure than ever before on health and social care services in Bolton, and as this pressure increases so does the demand on our services. More people are living longer, often with complicated health problems, so they need more help and support to stay well. If we do not make some big changes, Bolton will spend much more on health and care for its population and we think this cost is to going to keep going up.

If we make no changes... By 2020, there will be a gap of £162m between the cost of health and care and the money we have available to spend. All the organisations involved in the Locality Plan have worked out how they can save £84m - both on their own and working together. But you will have noticed this means we're still £78m short. We can't find this money by making small savings, so we must change the way we provide health and care in Bolton.

## Our goals

So, where will we be in five years?

We want everyone in Bolton to live longer and healthier lives.

But what will this look like? By 2021/22, we want:

- To reduce the number of people who have heart disease, a stroke, or diabetes.
- To make sure more people who have dementia are properly diagnosed so they can get the right care.
- To reduce the number of people, especially older residents, who are injured because they've fallen over.
- Fewer people to suffer harm, or even die, due to drinking too much alcohol.
- Fewer people to harm themselves or commit suicide.
- To reduce the number of babies that die before their first birthday.
- Fewer school children to be overweight.

### How will we get there?

Our vision is all about changing health and care so we spend less on hospital care and more in the community. We need to get in early - before someone gets so ill that they need to be rushed into hospital.

We plan to focus on those who have the greatest need for extra help and support, to stay healthy and independent. This is likely to be older people with long term conditions, like heart problems or diabetes.

We also want to offer more support to people who are at risk of health problems, before they become ill. This means more:

- Screening
- Vaccinations
- Help to stop smoking
- Help to lose weight
- Help to deal with substance misuse - focus on alcohol

To change things, we'll need to work differently. This means making services work in a more joined up way in Bolton and right across Greater Manchester with organisations working together much more closely.

We need find ways to do more with less, and the financial challenge facing us means we will have to look carefully at what the 'Bolton pound' can and should pay for. Public money should only be spent on treatments and services that have the most benefit for Bolton people.

And talking of Bolton people... We need every resident in Bolton to get behind this over the coming years. This means other public sector organisations, community groups, and of course our local residents. You have a big part to play in changing how we see our health and wellbeing with individuals doing more for themselves, including staying healthy, managing a long term illness, or using services appropriately.

Thanks to devolution, we will have some extra money to help make all of this happen. In Bolton, we plan to spend this on:

- Improving the places where patients currently go for health and care.

- Improving our computer systems so they can work in a more joined up way (just like our health and care services)
- Extra care for those people who need help and support earlier before they get really ill
- Making sure we have enough staff and they have the right skills and experience to make our vision a reality.

### **But what if?....**

We know this won't be easy! We want to make big changes and do things differently so we know things could get tricky along the way.

What if?...

- We don't manage to deliver all the changes we're planning and this means we're short of money for everyday health and care services.
- We don't see the changes to the roles and responsibilities of different organisations that we hope devolution will bring in, making it harder to work together.
- The increased need for health and care goes way beyond what we're planning for.
- Different areas of Greater Manchester struggle to work together to provide better health and care.

It's still early days for our Locality Plan – we're right at the beginning of an exciting journey, and whilst all the organisations involved are committed to finding new and better ways of working, we want the Bolton population to get on board and work with us to find solutions to this challenge we face. Whilst we know things may need to change along the way we want to make sure that you and your family have access to the very best health and care!