

## 8. Isle of Wight Strategic Partnership Update

To receive an update covering both Trust (Southern, Solent, Portsmouth Hospital Trusts) and Mental Health Partnerships.

a) Update on Project Fusion & Acute Partnership

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b) Update on Island Healthcare Partnership

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# Island partnerships



Island and other Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System (ICS) partners have been exploring how services on the Isle of Wight could be better organised to ensure improvement of recent years continues, and that healthcare is sustainable

- As a system we agreed that the long-term solution lay in utilising the **greater scale of mainland providers alongside strengthened leadership in the Isle of Wight NHS Trust and the development of an effective Island-based health and care partnership.**
- Strategic partnerships were established between Isle of Wight NHS Trust and larger mainland providers.
- South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) became the strategic partner for the Island's Ambulance Service, Solent NHS Trust (Solent) for Community and Mental Health Services, and PHU was identified as the most appropriate partner to support the delivery of Acute Services.

# Project Fusion



The work to bring together community, mental health and learning disability services reached a milestone in March when the Strategic Case for change was approved by the boards of the four NHS Trusts involved, including the Isle of Wight NHS Trust. This was important as it means all the organisations firmly agree that this is the right approach to take.

- The process to recruit the Chair of the new organisation is in progress.
- We continue to engage and involve our patients, staff and community partners in a number of key areas to help us understand what the new Trust should look like. We are involving people in shaping plans for clinical services and have recently set up a dedicated 'lived experience' group to help ensure that the voice of people using services and their carers stays central.
- In the weeks ahead, we will be building on this engagement work and asking specific questions to inform important decisions about the values, vision, ambitions, and organisational structure and name for the new Trust.
- We have written to all patients and service users in Community, Mental Health and Learning Disability services to inform them of the changes and where they can get more information, or get involved.
- We have developed patient leaflets, easy read versions and an animation to support this communication, alongside Frequently Asked Questions available on the website

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# Acute Services Partnership



**Our shared ambition is to create single clinical, corporate and support services across our two organisations, supported by one agreed set of identical systems and processes, under single leadership, to maximise efficiency.**

The outcome we want to see is high quality, sustainable healthcare for all the populations we serve.

- A single Chief Executive, single Executive Team and clinical leadership across both Trusts
- Retain strong, experienced operational site directors in Portsmouth and on the Isle of Wight
- In addition to a joint Chair, the two Trusts have one other non-executive director appointed to both Boards. A current Isle of Wight NED has been appointed to the Portsmouth Board. In due course, this model will be reviewed to determine if and when it is appropriate to appoint more NEDs to both Boards.
- Leadership and governance arrangements will enable clinical transformation and the creation of single corporate and support services to support the two separate, statutory organisations

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