

# Community network meeting

Friday 28 February 2025

12:00 - 14:00, hosted on MS Teams

## Agenda:

11:45 - 12:00

### 1. Waiting room available to join

The event platform will be available from 11:45, and delegates are encouraged to join the waiting room during this window, to enable the event to start promptly at 12:00.

12:00 - 12:05

### 2. Chair's welcome and introductions

Siobhan Melia, Chief Executive, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

12:05 – 12:50

### 3. Strategic policy update

A strategic update from NHS Providers covering national political and policy developments, in the context of the community sector, with time for Q&A.

Saffron Cordery, Interim Chief Executive, NHS Providers

12:50 – 12:55

### 4. Comfort break

12:55 – 13:25

## 5. National update from NHS England on priorities for the community sector

Tim Straughan and Verity Hinde will provide a national update on the **implications of recent publications** for the community sector, including [\*Standardising community health services\*](#), [\*Neighbourhood health guidelines 2025/26\*](#) and [\*2025/26 priorities and operational planning guidance\*](#).

The session will include further detail on the purpose and aims of standardising community health services and next steps for development. There will be opportunity for discussion, including around challenges and opportunities for the sector. NHS England are also keen to hear examples and evidence to inform further national policy development for the community sector.

Tim Straughan, Group Director of Primary Care and Community Services, NHS England

Verity Hinde, Head of Strategy and Policy, Community Services, NHS England

13:25 – 13:55

## 6. Panel discussion: collaborating with system partners

We'll be joined by Zoe Mayhew and Natasha Curry to discuss the opportunities for greater integration and collaboration with key partners in social care and local authorities to deliver more care in the community, drawing on examples of where community providers and their partners are already progressing this approach.

Zoe Mayhew, Director of Social Care and Health Commissioning, Warwickshire County Council

Natasha Curry, Senior Fellow in Health Policy, Nuffield Trust

13:55 – 14:00

## 7. Closing comments and Slido feedback

Siobhan Melia