



Better Together Stakeholder Briefing Number 3

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## Introduction

Welcome to the third briefing from the Better Together programme team.

This briefing document is being sent to you as part of the local health and social care community and associated organisations. It aims to keep you up to date with the development of the Better Together programme.

Please feel free to cascade it to others in your organisation.

Previous briefings can be downloaded from our website [www.bettertogethermidnotts.org.uk](http://www.bettertogethermidnotts.org.uk)

## Background

The Better Together programme brings together all the health and social care organisations across our area to review and shape future health and social care services in Mid-Nottinghamshire. These include Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group and Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group and East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

The aim of the programme is to ensure that future health and social care services work together effectively and can meet future challenges and embrace the opportunities for improvement.

## Progress to date

The Better Together programme proposals were presented to the Governing Bodies of Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group and Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group at the beginning of the month. You can view the proposals by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).

Both Governing Bodies approved the proposals. These will now progress to the next stage which will involve some intensive work by all partners to design the detailed operational plans for the programme.

## Useful links

Click [HERE](http://www.bettertogethermidnotts.org.uk) to visit the Better Together website - [http:// www.bettertogethermidnotts.org.uk](http://www.bettertogethermidnotts.org.uk)

Click [HERE](#) to Follow us on Twitter

In the spring we will be holding two events for our “Champions”. The objective of the events is to introduce our champions to the programme and work with them to shape how we can work together. Their role is to ensure that the voice of our public and patients continues to play a fundamental role in shaping the development of new health and social care services, every step of the journey.

Further details about the events and how to register will be in the next bulletin. If you would like to register as a champion, please [click here](#).

### **Public Consultation**

The Better Together programme team sought advice from the National Clinical Advisory Team (NCAT) regarding whether public consultation was required under the current NHS guidelines. The NCAT commended the programme and predicted that there should be no clinical concerns or governance issues resulting from the new reconfigured service. They supported the current proposals. They recommended that when the full business case is developed, along with the operational plans, they should go forward for public consultation. They suggested that before public consultation it would be helpful to see further clinical assurance of emerging operational details including capacity and workforce plans.

Timescales, linked to the operational planning activity, will now be worked through by the programme team. Once these are finalised, an update will be included in these briefings.

Our stakeholders gave us lots of ideas and suggestions - Thank you if you provided these.

Many of these have been included in the proposals. Please visit our website for further information.



## Update on work streams

The two programme work stream leads will now move into the next phase, which includes operational planning around the detailed outputs for the programme. This work will also ensure that the activity dovetails into the work currently underway in the Primary Care Strategy that each of the two CCGs are progressing with NHS England.

The two workstreams for the Better Together programme are:

Proactive and urgent care – led by Nina Ennis – Work Stream Lead, Urgent Care’ and Jan Balmer, Associate Director of Integration and Unplanned Care.

Early and elective care – led by Andrea Brown - Director of Membership, Engagement and Innovation - Mansfield and Ashfield CCG

## Next steps

On 24th February, the proposals were presented to the Nottinghamshire and Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee were happy with the proposal and asked for an update in June. You can view the papers for this meeting by clicking [here](#).



## Your Feedback

Many people have given us their ideas on the Better Together proposals and this has been fed into the development work of the changes. Click [HERE](#) to visit the Better Together website to find out more.

## Get involved and become a Champion

As we mentioned in briefing number 2, the Better Together team are looking for people to become “Champions” for the programme. Over the coming weeks, we will be working actively to recruit our Champions. Anyone can sign up to become a Better Together Champion, even you.

### What does a champion do?

A champion is a volunteer who wants to be involved with the programme in some way. This may be attending event, answering surveys, visiting existing services and sharing the news of the changes with your friends and family, colleagues and peers. How much or how little you get involved is entirely up to you

You will receive a Champions Pack and regular updates with lots of information about the changes we would like to make to local services. We want you to share it, talk about it with others and give us your feedback. This could mean answering a survey, attending a briefing meeting or joining a working group.

You will receive a ‘Better Together’ champions badge and membership pass and you can talk to other champions at meetings or on our Facebook page.

You will be invited to see some of our ideas in progress: to visit our facilities, to meet our clinical staff and talk about your experiences using local services and potential options on how we can improve.

If you have a specific interest in one of the elements of our programme, you will be invited to join one of our work streams. As the programme progresses, this could include giving ideas about what’s important to you, co-creating requirements for future service providers and looking how to communicate new services.

### How do I sign up?

Please click [here](#) to download and complete a form.

### Key contacts

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