

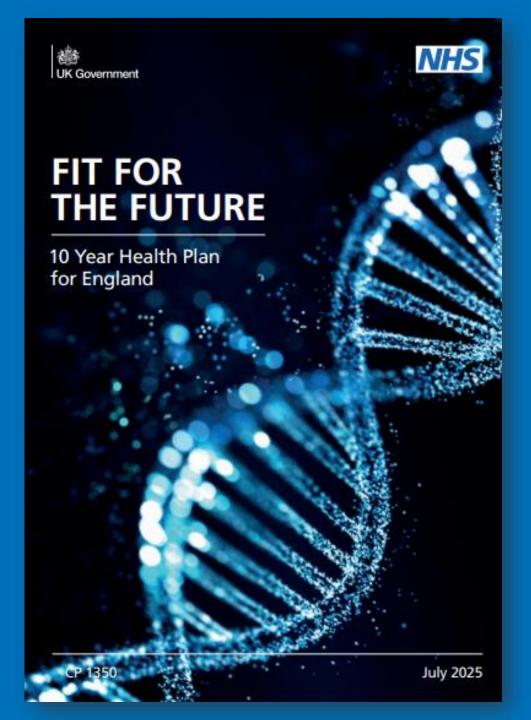
## Fit for the Future: an opportunity for tech enabled homes, communities & health

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'The NHS budget is not being spent where it should be — too great a share is being spent in hospitals, too little in the community, and productivity is too low'

Independent investigation of the NHS in England - Lord Darzi- summary in a letter to the Secretary of state for Health – September 2024





North East North Cumbria Health & Care Partnership



# Better health & wellbeing for all

A plan to improve health and care in the North East and North Cumbria





### **Hospital to Community**

**Treatment to Prevention** 

3 Key Shifts

**Analogue to Digital** 

### Some key Commitments within the plan

- New neighbourhood health services backed by new multi-provider contracts – including voluntary sector groups
- Care plans in place for people with long term conditions
- NHS app to put all health plans and records as well as scheduling in patients' hands
- More use of personal health budgets
- New community frailty and end of life care including use of wearable and home based monitoring tech

community Diagnostic centres, and maney services

### 6 core components of an effective neighbourhood service



### Population health management

- A person-level, longitudinal, linked dataset of all health and social care data, underpinned by appropriate
  data sharing and processing agreements, expanding to wider public services over time
- A single system-wide PHM segmentation and risk stratification method, e.g. via Federated Data Platform



### Modern general practice

- ICBs should continue to support general practice with the delivery of the modern general practice model
- · This model should streamline care, improve access and continuity, and provision of more proactive care



### Standardising community health services

- Utilisation of the Standardising community health services publication to maximise use of funding for local needs and priorities, including commissioning of community health services
- · Connect mental and physical health services to ensure complete provision, and link with the VCFSE sector



### Neighbourhood multidisciplinary teams (MDTs)

- Multidisciplinary coordination of care for population cohorts with complex health and care or social needs who require support from multiple services and organisations
- · A core team assigned for complex case management, with links to an extended specialist team
- A care coordinator assigned to every person or their carer in the cohort as a clear point of contact



### Integrated intermediate care

- Short-term rehab, reablement and recovery services delivered under a therapy-led approach
- Home First approach to delivery of assessment and interventions, underpinned by step-up referrals and stepdown planning directly between community and acute services



### **Urgent neighbourhood services**

- Standardise and scale services such as urgent community response and hospital at home, ensuring alignment with local demand, and with front-door acute services such as Urgent Treatment Centres
- Involve senior clinical decision makers as part of a "call before convey" approach in ambulance services, and enable healthcare staff and care home workers to access clinical advice without needing to call 999



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### **Better homes and healthier lives**

Our five year plan 2024 – 2029



More warm and dry homes

Our challenge: To reduce the (approximately) 33,500+ homes which are damp and cold



Supporting older people to live independently

Our challenge: Ensure suitable homes for a growing and aging population living with multiple long term conditions



**Better homes with** support for people with complex needs

Our challenge: To provide more accessible, adaptable and affordable homes

### We will:

- Share good practice
- Create new referral routes
- Make better use of data to target our work
- Attract investment to fund heating and insulation improvement
- Maximise access to home adaptations
- Agree design standards for 'care ready' homes
- Promote dementia friendly housing approaches
- Build more Extra Care homes for older people

- Develop an integrated strategy for complex care
- Agree design standards for new homes
- Promote different housing options, including ownership
- Build more suitable homes for people with complex

### In 5 years:



Fewer homes that are cold and damp



Fewer homes with other hazards



**Better use** of resources



More older people living at home



**Better quality** homes that support people to age well



10% fewer units of older people in residential care or hospital



2,625

extra

care

More of the right type of housing



Fewer people in hospital



Better access to the right homes



1.750 extra suitable homes



Collaboration

Working together across health, local authorities, housing and VCSE sector

### Technology

Making the best use of technology to support independence

### Data

Using insights to target our work and develop data sharing

### Framework and standards

Jointly developed across the region to achieve fewer category 1 homes

### Resources

Joining up resources, working at scale across sectors and supporting our workforce

Be the best at getting better Sharing and scaling-up best practice



### Housing, health and care programme











### Housing, Health and Care Memorandum of Understanding (2025–2029)

A commitment to improving lives through better homes, health, and care in the North East and North Cumbria.

### The Virtual Home

a tool for promoting technology aided care in the home







