

# Transforming Primary Care

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## Changes in health

- Huge challenges facing NHS and social care mean have to change the way they are provided:
- Great chance to make real change in Sheffield to strengthen local system and benefit patients.
- Based on doing less in hospitals and more in the community
- Will require a truly 'joint' approach between all organisations
- Want GP practices to be the centre of local healthcare, with services including voluntary sector support wrapped around them

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40 Face to Face contacts

4 Home Visits

25 Phone calls to patients

25 Prescription tasks

80 Scripts to sign

50 Electronic letters/urgent faxes

60 Pathlab results

Urgent queries from staff 20



# Challenges facing primary care

GP practices in Sheffield are under increasing pressure due to a number of factors. These include:

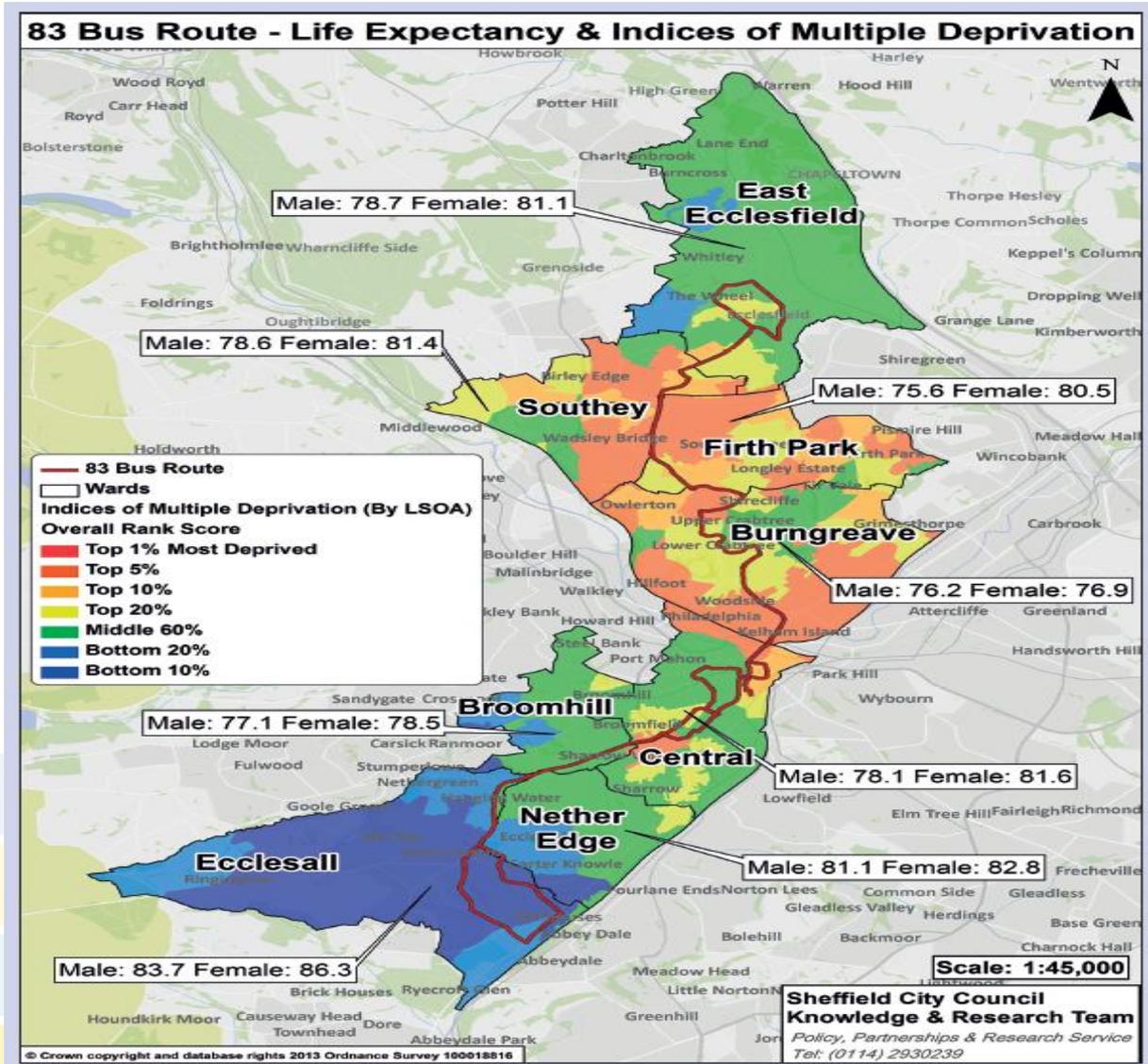
- Increased demand and higher level of expectation
- Increased workload: more admin, greater no of patients with complex needs
- National issues around GP recruitment and retention
- Significant proportion of GPs and practice nurses in Sheffield approaching retirement age
- Reductions in funding for some practices
- Lack of joined-up support systems to enable patients to stay at home – impact on GPs' time

# What patients have told us they want

- Good access to their GP practice - remains a key priority. .
- Services in their local community
- Better links and communication between health and social care services
- To make it simpler – confused about what service to use when,
- More information about voluntary services in their local area and how they can use these to address their health needs
- To be treated as a whole, with their mental health needs treated as equal to their physical needs;

## What we want to achieve

- High quality primary care services that are sustainable
- People receiving the right interventions at the right time from the right professional – mostly in their local community.
- Health, social and voluntary care services working collaboratively for the benefit of patients
- Services that reflect the different needs of local communities
- Improved health and well-being of people in Sheffield
- People managing their own health and ill health
- Equal access to the support, regardless of people's social circumstances



## How we plan to do this

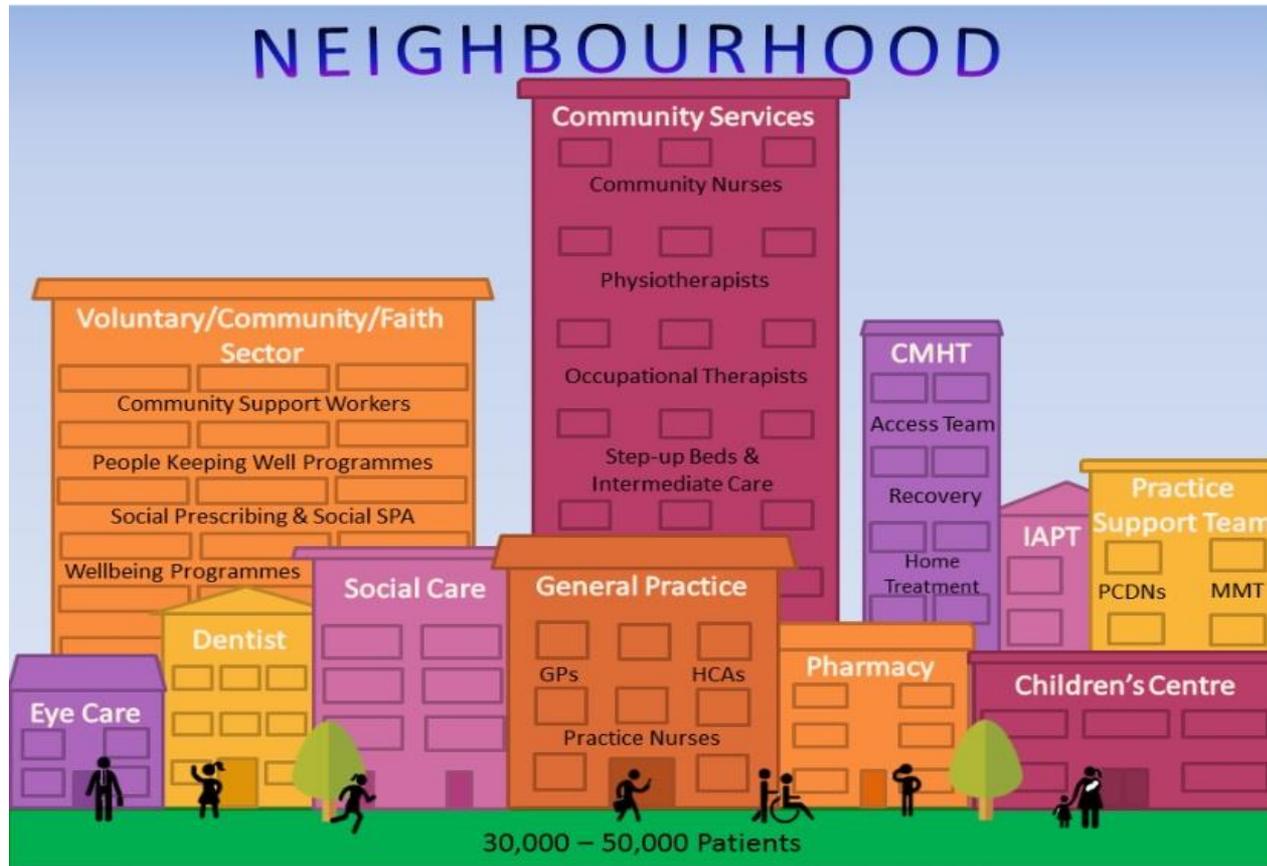
- Improve access – change the way primary care is provided to help people get care they need as quickly as possible
- Joined up approach – work in ‘neighbourhood’ teams
- Help patients to manage their health
- Support practices to work as effectively as possible

# Improving access

- Want to make it easier to see a health professional at your GP practice
- Need to change and move away from current model where GP is always first contact point and make better use of other skilled health professionals in practices/community
- Eg specialist diabetes nurse can support patients to manage their condition; pharmacist can offer the best advice on medication.
- Need to develop general practice workforce to support this – additional role in practices eg mental health workers, care navigators to signpost to other community services

## Improving access cont'd

- Working to improve access to urgent care services and make simpler for patients, including practices working together to provide services seven days a week
- Work with practices on areas identified for improvement in GP survey – experience of making appointments, ease of getting through on the telephone



# Neighbourhoods

- New 'neighbourhoods' approach
- Support teams working with communities of around 30,000 people.
- Will support local GP practices, and include a range of medical, social, and other public sector workers, such as fire officers - tailored to the particular community's needs.
- Will include voluntary organisations and staff to help offer a good understanding of the local services and support available

# Helping patients manage their health

- Patients will be empowered to manage their own health and ill health through the use of a person-centred care approach.
- Will use social prescribing to address issues that impact on health such as employment, housing, benefits, transport etc.
- People Keeping Well initiative – support for people at risk of hospital admission to manage their health and maintain independence of services
- Provide patients with information and resources to help them to make informed, positive choices.

# Supporting effective working

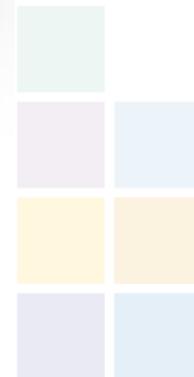
- Need to make sure practices are in best position to meet these challenges
- Key will be practices working together to maximise resources - neighbourhoods, joint working agreements, more formal arrangements
- Can pool resources and expertise, and develop workforce eg shared posts
- Will invest in IT and technology to support new ways of working
- Need to make best use of primary care premises and ensure these support delivery of high quality services

## What will this look like?

- There will be a greater range of health professionals in practices to meet patients' needs
- GPs will focus on patients with more complex needs and oversee other professionals to provide care for less complex needs
- Health, social and voluntary sector services will be better integrated, with GPs providing leadership on individual patient care within this wider system.
- GPs will work with patients and their carers to determine their support needs

## What will this look like? cont'd

- Neighbourhood teams will arrange and deliver the support required
- Services will be developed in neighbourhoods to meet specific local health needs
- Patients will be more involved in managing their health
- New technology will be used to help patients manage their health and to support closer working between health and social care



## Over to you

- How do you think patients will feel about plans to make more use of other health professionals at their GP practice?
- Is your PPG/PRG working on any topics connected to these plans?
- How do you think PRGs/PPGs could be involved in the neighbourhoods approach?