What is ‘Place’?

‘Place’ involves commissioners, community services providers, local authorities, primary care, the voluntary and community sector, and the public working together to meet the needs of local people. There are eight ‘Place Alliances’ across Derbyshire.

‘Place’ is all about empowering people to live a healthy life for as long as possible through joining up health, care and community support for citizens and individual communities.
Case study: Falls care and prevention

Partners including Derbyshire County Council, public health, the NHS clinical commissioning groups, local acute and community trusts, primary care, and district and borough councils have been developing an approach to falls that provides a consistent offer to the public across Derbyshire.

The approach looks at how we care for people who have fallen and explores how we could better identify people at higher risk of falling and work with them to reduce the risk. Examples of support could include the use of equipment or access to strength and balance classes to help mobility.

Within Derbyshire, three Places have been identified as having a higher number of injuries from falls - Chesterfield, High Peak and South Derbyshire. These places also have higher numbers of hip fractures recorded.

There will be different levels of intervention for each community - with evaluation to determine effectiveness. Full support will see an awareness pack, falls ‘champions’, ‘Strictly No Falling’ classes, risk assessment and support from a falls prevention co-ordinator.

Focusing on our communities across Derbyshire

Joined Up Care Derbyshire wants to empower people to live a healthy life for as long as possible through joining up health, care and community support for people and individual communities.

To deliver this vision the plan starts with understanding what people and their communities need to stay well and what already works.

Once this is established we will then focus on making sure we use the resources we have to support people’s wellbeing, which stretches far beyond the ability to access a hospital, see a GP or receive care in a bed.

Derbyshire is a big county with a vibrant, busy city which altogether has a population of more than one million - a big place to understand. So we have broken the whole county into eight areas and called them ‘Place Alliances’.

This will help make sure care and support best meets the needs of local people.

What are the priorities?

- All Place Alliances will focus on supporting people to stay well for longer through a consistent set of work areas which include frailty, falls, care homes and supporting people to die well
- In addition each Place Alliance will focus on what local people need in that area as regards their health and wellbeing

How will they work?

The eight Place Alliances were agreed by the Joined Up Care Derbyshire board following engagement with partners and members, which included clinicians, council members, the voluntary sector and many other people from across Derbyshire.

Each Place Alliance will have a group of key decision-makers, from health, care and local organisations, the public and patients. This will ensure the plans reflect the views of local people.

A ‘Place Board’ will set the framework for the Place Alliances. The Board will be responsible for using the available resources to make sure there are equitable services for people living and working in the city and county.

Find out more

To find out more about Place and Joined Up Care Derbyshire call us on 01332 888190, email joinedupcarederbyshire@nhs.net or visit www.joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk