

Community Fit – Scope and Progress

Purpose

This document sets out for members of the Future Fit Programme Board the planned approach to delivering the programme of work now known as ‘Community Fit’, formerly Future Fit 2.

Introduction

The Future Fit Programme sets out to address the future of hospital services. However, it is recognised that hospital services sit within a much broader framework of health and care services.

The Community Fit programme is intended to model and describe the types of services that will be required in primary care and community services to absorb the activity coming out of the acute trust and the other changes which will impact on the use of primary and community healthcare services such as demography, ageing population and increased demands on primary and community care.

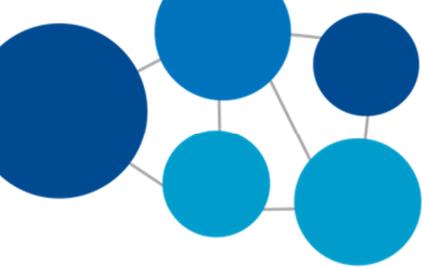
The Community Fit Programme could be very wide ranging in scope and it has been decided therefore to define a clear scope for an initial piece of work before defining in detail further work.

This initial work will take place between May and October 2015 and will deliver the following:

- An agreed way of modelling activity in social care, primary care, community healthcare, and mental health; and
- To estimate the level and type of social care, community healthcare, mental health and primary care that might be required to meet demand in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin in 2018/19.

Stakeholder Engagement

Initial engagement has taken place with some GP leaders, and this is now being extended to a wider range of primary care and community practitioners. Key stakeholders will include patients, GPs, primary community and mental health care staff, social care staff, and their employing organisations, the care home and residential home sector and the voluntary sector.



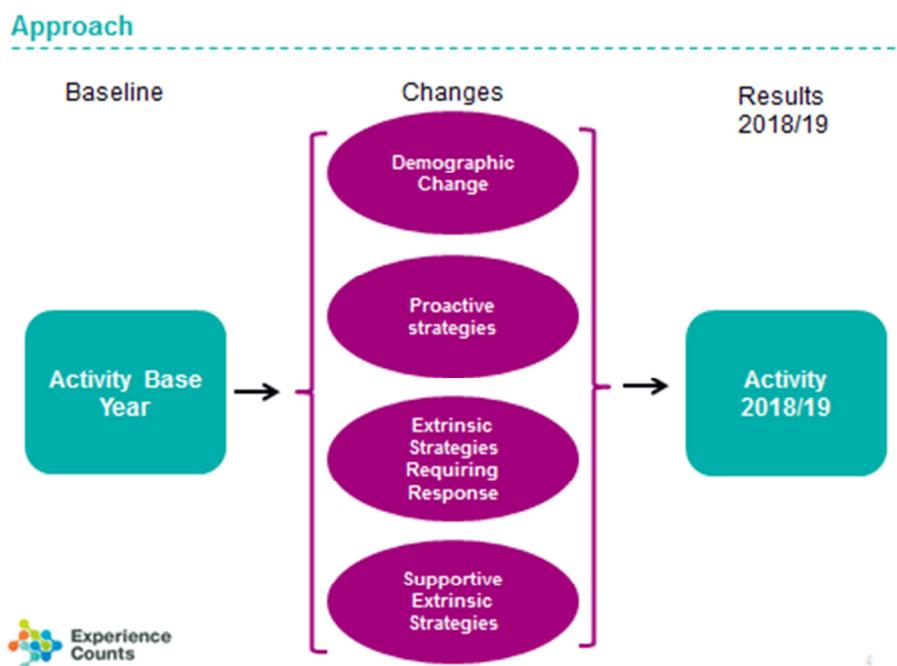
A more complete stakeholder plan will be provided as part of a Programme Execution Plan.

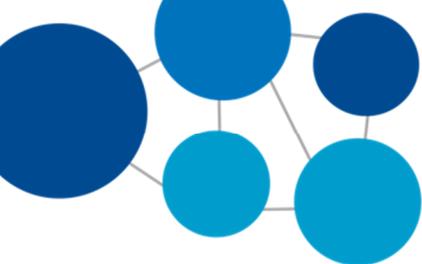
Modelling Work

The initial work programme will focus on a series of multidisciplinary workshops, beginning in May 2015, at which the proposed modelling parameters will be reviewed and agreed. A similar exercise carried out by the Strategy Unit in Arden estimated the workload impact on primary, community, social and mental health care of reduced acute sector activity. This work drew on nationally available NHS datasets. However, the modelling would be more robust if it were based upon more granular patient level data from all health and social care providers, extracted and pseudonymised in line with national best practice. If permission is obtained to extract and share data across acute, community primary, social and mental health care data, the resulting model would be much more reliable.

This data extraction exercise is currently being explored with the relevant providers.

The modelling approach is described in diagram below:





Next Steps

Governance

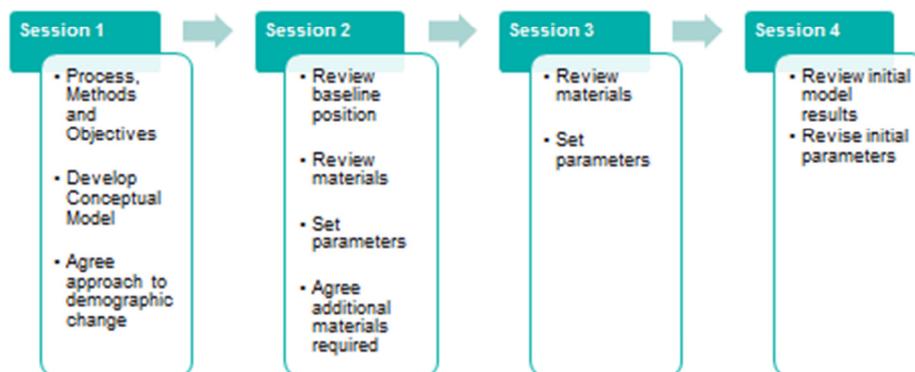
A draft Programme Execution Plan will be provided for the May Programme Board. It is proposed that the Future Fit Programme Board continues to provide oversight to the Community Fit programme and that a separate steering group is established to provide day to day governance. The Strategy Unit has put forward Ruth Lemiech to provide project support.

Workshops

A series of multidisciplinary workshops will begin in May 2015, to begin the detailed scoping work. Invitations are being distributed. These workshops will enable participants to influence how the community impact of Future Fit is modelled and understood.

An example plan for the outputs from each session is shown below:

Session Plan



Deliverables

Dependent on the availability and completeness of data sources, we are aiming to produce a detailed set of outputs from the modelling work in October 2015. In advance of this, the Programme Board will be given the opportunity to shape any subsequent phases of the Community Fit programme along with other stakeholders.