



Better Together

Integrated health and social care

Across Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole

Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council, and Borough of Poole have joined forces with local NHS bodies to work towards new ways of delivering health and social care services in Dorset.

'Better Together', will transform services over the coming years to make the best use of available resources, and ensure people receive better care and support closer to home.

It aims to secure:

- Improved health and care for residents
- A more seamless service for people who access adult social care and health in the Dorset area
- Greater efficiencies and improved value for money



Key projects include early intervention and prevention, helping people to stay independent for longer and receive care and support in their homes or closer to their homes, and delay the need for long-term care and unnecessary hospital admissions.

There is also a strong focus on extending the shared information and advice service open to everyone, shared signposting and support.

This will include services for people leaving hospital and more help in arranging services for people who fund their own care.

Better Together Initiatives

- Integrated processes and ICT between health and social care
- Shared commissioning and planning
- Workforce planning and cultural change
- Local Authority Trading Company
- Multi-disciplinary locality teams
- Self funders support service
- Shared information and advice
- Early intervention and prevention
- Carers support
- Advice and support leaving hospital service
- Independent living services
- Urgent Care Board



The Dorset-area Partnership includes:

Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and Borough of Poole, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the four Foundation Trusts (Dorset Health Care Trust, Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospital, Poole Hospital and Dorset County Hospital)



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