

Stronger Somerset – *for stronger adults' services*

We will improve adults' services through targeted reform based on a strengths-based, locality model	Stronger Somerset is the only proposal that has a clear investment plan for adults' services to make services affordable and sustainable into the future	Stronger Somerset is best placed to keep people healthy and independent for longer and support people of working age to live their best lives
<p>The two unitary proposal is the only way to effectively and efficiently use population health and evidence-based data to deliver care as close to home as possible and give assurance that those services are effective and efficient through better use of data analytics that get to the heart of local need.</p> <p>The boundaries of Eastern and Western Somerset will be coterminous with the new Somerset Integrated Care System (ICS).</p> <p>By including the full range of council services that impact upon the wider determinants of health, such as housing, leisure and growth, our model will make sure that ALL services are built around people whilst retaining the ability to flex for local differentiation and need.</p> <p>Local services will be commissioned, and delivered locally, using primary care networks (PCNs) as the building blocks, and the unique skills of the community and voluntary sector. Our proposal puts the CVS on an equal footing as a local partner, recognising that there are services only they can deliver, and recognising the need for investment.</p>	<p>Adults' services across Somerset are not good enough: satisfaction levels are poor, and performance is getting worse.</p> <p>Stronger Somerset is the only proposal that has a clear investment plan for adults' services using money saved by reducing five councils to two, based on a local, place-led approach.</p> <p>Stronger Somerset will deliver enhanced, less remote, bespoke services that meet the needs of local populations as they change, grow and develop.</p> <p>The purpose of Stronger Somerset is to build relationships between people in communities, sustaining change and building better health and wellbeing to bridge the gap between formal care and informal, preventative, community-based support.</p> <p>Stronger Somerset will work with people in the places they want to be and focus on what's strong, not what's wrong.</p>	<p>We will have a stronger focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined-up protection and support for vulnerable people when they need it • Preventative activities and interventions that keep people connected and part of their community • Reducing dependency by improving mental, physical and emotional outcomes earlier • The wider determinants of health such as housing, leisure and air pollution • Asset-based approaches and what the individual can already do and what they can potentially achieve, rather than what they find challenging • Enablement and helping the achievement of goals rather than doing things for the individual, helping to lessen the impact of conditions • Better collaboration and integration at a local and regional and sub regional level with NHS partners doing things once where it makes sense to.