Serenity Integrated Mentoring (SIM) programme

What is the innovation?
A workforce model bringing together police and mental health services to change outcomes for the most vulnerable members of society.

Why are we doing it?
This innovation reduces the risk and number of crises for a small number of very frequent users of NHS and police services, saving both lives and resources.

SIM is one of seven programmes for national spread and adoption across the AHSN Network during 2018-2020.

We are the national lead for the SIM programme.

60% of complex service users nationally to benefit from the programme by the end of year 2

14 live teams
16 teams setting up

Plans for 2019-20:
- Capturing patient, staff and community case studies
- Developing sustainable business models for 2020/21
- Providing future support for this small but significant group of service users

“I just want to thank you – I was just about to retire from mental health but now I’m staying to do SIM. You have breathed new life into me.”

NHS Trust staff

“Since I have been with [SIM] I have one care plan that is shared at A&E, with police, my mental health team and with ambulance. This is a massive relief as everyone is coming from the same angle and I now get a joined up response which is exactly what I need in times of crisis.”

SIM service user

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About the Academic Health Science Network

Wessex Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) is one of 15 AHSNs set up by NHS England in 2013 and relicensed from April 2018 to operate as the key innovation arm of the NHS.

At Wessex AHSN we improve people’s health, achieve excellence in healthcare and boost transformation and growth in our region’s life sciences and healthcare sector.

We connect academics, NHS, local authorities, industry and citizens to bring fresh energy to old problems, inspired thinking to new ones and to spread innovation and best practice across health and social care.

10% of the workforce in Wessex is employed in the health economy

Wessex boasts over 250 life science companies in medtech, medbiotech, industrial biotech and pharma

The region’s life sciences industry employs 9,000 and has a turnover of £2.5 billion

The region’s population of 3 million is served by 10 CCGs, 9 local authorities, 11 NHS Trusts and 5 universities

Want to find out more?

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