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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I submitted a request under FoI to NHS Sussex which produced the attached response and I would be grateful if you would accept the details of the request as contained in the attachment a submission to you all under Freedom of Information. This includes the request for details of the Integrated Community Team Programme Board and the Management of Understanding details which should be directed to the Sussex Community Foundation Trust.

“I would be grateful if you could provide me with detailed information regarding the following entities which have been identified in various published papers.

I am seeking details of the following elements: membership both by named individual and organisation, dates of meetings both past and future, copies of any minutes taken, details of their terms of reference and whether the meeting are classified as meetings in public and thus open to attendance by members of the public.

The list of entities is as follows:-

- ***Sussex Neighbourhood Health Alliance***
- ***Sussex Acute Provider Alliance***
- ***Sussex Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Leadership Alliance***
- ***Integrated Community Team Programme Board***

In addition, please provide details of the model Contractual Joint Venture which has been agreed between the Sussex ICB and the Neighbourhood Health Alliance and the Management of Understanding (MoU) between the Neighbourhood Health Alliance and the SVLA, Hospice Alliance and three Local Authorities.”

We have now completed a search of the information we hold, and our response is below.

1. Information regarding Sussex Neighbourhood Health Alliance, Sussex Acute Provider Alliance, Sussex VCSE Leadership Alliance, and the Integrated Community Team (ICT) Programme Board

Your request refers to these groups as though they are formal organisations or legal entities.

For clarity:

Clarification of Organisational Status

- The Sussex Provider Collaborative (SPC) operates as an informal partnership of Sussex NHS provider organisations. It is not a statutory body or legal entity and therefore does not hold formal governance documentation associated with legal organisations.
- The Neighbourhood Alliance is an informal partnership operating within the Sussex Provider Collaborative umbrella. It is not a legal entity, does not have statutory standing, and does not currently have a formalised governance structure. Partners are developing a contractual joint venture (CJV) in 2026/27 to support the delivery of specific elements of neighbourhood health commissioned via NHS Sussex ICB, but this CJV has not yet been established.
- The Acute Alliance is also an informal provider partnership designed to support system-led transformation. It is not a legal or constituted entity.
- Our wider partnership working with the Hospice Alliance, Sussex Voluntary Sector Leadership Alliance (SVLA), and local authority partners is also based on informal collaboration. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being developed to support this, but it remains in draft.

Because these partnerships are not formal entities, we do **not** hold:

- formal membership lists by named individual or organisation
- statutory governance structures
- constitutions or Articles of Association
- public meeting schedules
- documents designating these groups as “meetings held in public”
- formalised minutes produced under statutory governance

Where documents do exist, they relate to informal partnership working and are presently **in draft**. These drafts contain provisional content, remain under development, and have not yet completed governance or approval processes.

Accordingly, we are applying Section 22 (Information intended for future publication) of the FOI Act to these documents, as finalised versions will be published once approved.

2. Information regarding a Contractual Joint Venture (CJV) and Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)

You asked for details regarding:

- a model Contractual Joint Venture (CJV) between the ICB and the Neighbourhood Alliance
- MoUs between the Neighbourhood Alliance and the SVLA, Hospice Alliance, and local authorities

Information Held

- A Contractual Joint Venture has not been agreed. Partners are in the processing of developing and agreeing a CJV, but no final document currently exists.
- Draft MoUs exist to support wider collaborative working (e.g., with the SVLA and Hospice Alliance). These drafts remain under development and have not yet been approved.

As these MoUs are draft and incomplete, we are again applying Section 22 (Information intended for future publication).

Summary of Information Not Held

For the avoidance of doubt, the following **does not exist**:

- Formal legal entities known as the Alliances
- Formal membership lists
- Statutory governance documentation
- Public meeting requirements

These groups operate as **informal partnerships**, and any documentation that exists is currently **draft**. Once the informal governance have been agreed and in final documentation status we can provide this information to you.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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Reference: FOI 52733 SX QNX

Subject: Alliances and Integrated Community Teams

I can confirm that we have now completed the search for the information requested, please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I would be grateful if you could provide me with detailed information regarding the following entities which have been identified in various published papers.</p> <p>I am seeking details of the following elements: membership both by named individual and organisation, dates of meetings both past and future, copies of any minutes taken, details of their terms of reference and whether the meeting are classified as meetings in public and thus open to attendance by members of the public.</p> <p>The list of entities is as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sussex Neighbourhood Health Alliance • Sussex Acute Provider Alliance • Sussex Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Leadership Alliance • Integrated Community Team Programme Board 	<p>For the detailed information required please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sussex Neighbourhood Health Alliance via Sussex Community Foundation Trust sc-tr.freedomofinformation@nhs.net • Sussex Acute Provider Alliance – East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust esh-tr.foi@nhs.net • Sussex Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Leadership Alliance - CEO@communityworks.org.uk • Integrated Community Team Programme Board contact Sussex Neighbourhood Health Alliance
<p>In addition, please provide details of the model Contractual Joint Venture which has been agreed between the Sussex ICB and the Neighbourhood Health Alliance and the Management of Understanding (MoU) between the Neighbourhood Health Alliance and the SVLA, Hospice Alliance and three Local Authorities.</p>	<p>The ICB has not agreed a contractual joint venture. On the Management of Understanding (MoU) kindly contact Sussex Neighbourhood Health Alliance via Sussex Community Foundation Trust sc-tr.freedomofinformation@nhs.net</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 25 March 2026 and has been authorised for release by NHS Sussex ICB.