



A New Community Musculoskeletal Pain Service for East Sussex

We are delighted to share that East Sussex MSK Community Partnership (ESMSK) has been given the green light to launch a new musculoskeletal (MSK) community pain service for the population of East Sussex from 1 November 2026.

This is an exciting and important development for local people, strengthening the wider MSK offer across East Sussex and supporting a shared ambition to provide more joined-up, personalised and community-based care. The new service will complement and integrate with existing community MSK services under the leadership of ESMSK, ensuring that people living with persistent pain can access the right support, in the right place, at the right time.

Following a successful procurement process, the service will be delivered by Here (Care Unbound Limited). Here are an established social enterprise (not-for-profit) who bring a strong track record in community healthcare delivery, service transformation and innovation. Here already work in the Sussex system delivering MSK services in partnership with Sussex Community Foundation Trust (SCFT) in Brighton and Hove and West Sussex and are particularly well known for their innovations in personalised care and new models of delivery including Community Appointment Days. As a not-for-profit social enterprise, Here describes its purpose as creating “exceptional care, for everyone” and works with partners to deliver outstanding personalised healthcare for whole communities.

Here’s approach to developing new models of healthcare aligns strongly with our ambition to deliver a modern, responsive and integrated community MSK service that supports people to live well, build confidence and access care that is shaped around what matters most to them.

This launch represents a positive step forward for MSK services in East Sussex. It provides an opportunity to celebrate partnership working, strengthen integration across local pathways, and build a service that reflects the needs of our communities now and into the future. We look forward to working with Here, wider local partners, clinicians, stakeholders and people with lived experience as we move through mobilisation and towards launch on 1 November 2026. Further information will be issued in due course to ensure optimal access for all suitable patients.

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