



PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

REPORT TITLE:	INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM - UPDATE
REPORT OF:	ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER, WIRRAL CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Partnerships Committee on the development of the Integrated Care System and the associated changes to Wirral's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

This report affects all wards but is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Partnerships Committee is recommended to note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 It is important to ensure that the Partnership Committee is kept informed on the continued development of the Integrated Care System, the impact on Wirral as a place and the impending changes for Wirral's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Regular briefings will continue to be provided to keep members of the committee informed of national, regional and local progress.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This report provides an update on the development of the Integrated Care System and the changes to Wirral's CCG that come into place July 2022 and will jointly drive forward and oversee local integration. Therefore no other options have been considered at this stage.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Partners across Wirral have a long history of working effectively together to agree and deliver shared outcomes. The Integrated Care System and the developmental Wirral Place Based Partnership will be inclusive, bringing together commissioners, providers and colleagues from Social Care, Health and Voluntary Sectors.
- 3.2 Wirral's Place Based Partnership will build on the Boroughs Health and Wellbeing Strategy by developing the partnership strategy/priorities and associated outcomes for health and care across Wirral.
- 3.3 Wirral's Place Based Partnership will be responsible for the delivery of an Integrated Health and Social Care system through effective stakeholder collaboration and improved health and social care services to deliver better outcomes for the population of Wirral.
- 3.4 Officers from a range of health social care and voluntary organisations will attend Wirral's Place Based Partnership to work together to transform services across the health and social care system to deliver sustainable change with maximum benefits to communities, residents, and patients.

Integrated Care System and Wirral Place Based Partnership – Update

Establishing the New Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Merseyside and Cheshire

- 3.5 Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership wrote to partners on 22 October 2021 to update about the process of developing the new ICB's Constitution and engagement with system partners and stakeholders.
- 3.6 The ICB will be responsible for implementing the overall NHS strategy in Cheshire and Merseyside, assigning resources, securing assurance, and ensuring partners that the right activities are focused on securing the best outcomes for our communities.

- 3.7 The ICB Constitution is heavily prescribed nationally to reflect the need for clear and consistent process on the management of NHS resources and decision making. However, specific choices are required in relation to the membership and size of the ICB including the number of executives, non-executives, and partner members.

Wirral Place Based Partnership Arrangements

- 3.8 Integrated care is delivering better outcomes and experiences for residents, patients and service users. Integration will involve providers collaborating, but also entail integration between commissioners, developing pooled budgets between the Council and the Integrated Care Board (ICB). This will build upon and strengthen the existing single approach to integrated planning and commissioning at place and building upon the pooled resources of £235M.
- 3.9 Several workshops have been held to develop the Wirral Place Based Partnership arrangements. These have included workshops with elected members, partners and technical expertise.
- 3.10 A workshop was held on 8 October 2021 with Senior Officers from partner organisations to develop the governance arrangements for the Wirral's Place-Based Partnership. The following areas were agreed at the workshop as detailed below:
- An understanding of the requirements and expectations of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership in the design of place-based arrangements and process of the appointment of a Lead for Wirral who will discharge the duties of ICB.
 - Agreement that the Wirral Plan 2021-25 Vision for place is the overarching strategy and the core principles for Wirral's Place-based Partnership (as created by the System leads and Healthy Wirral Partnership)
 - Support for the Wirral Integrated Care Partnership Delivery Group to continue shaping and designing the detail of the Governance Structure aligned to the guidance and legislation.
 - Confirmation that a programme of continued consultation and engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders, led by the recently mobilised fourth Workstream of Communication and Engagement, is a priority.
 - A commitment by all to continue to work together to drive forward integration, joint working and new ways of working to improve outcomes for residents and partners to truly make a sustained difference.
- 3.11 Wirral's Place Based Partnership will drive a culture towards greater collaboration and joint working and build upon what partners have already worked hard to develop over the years. Governance arrangements will continue to develop over time, with the potential to develop into more formal arrangements as working relationships and trust increases.
- 3.12 Wirral Place Based Partnership Terms of Reference continue to be developed and will be brought to the next Health and Well-being Board and Public Health and Adults Social Care meetings for discussion and approval.
- 3.13 There are nine Local Authorities working together at Cheshire and Merseyside System level: Wirral, Warrington, Sefton, St Helens, Liverpool, Knowsley, Halton,

Cheshire East & Chester and Cheshire West. Cheshire and Merseyside System required all 'Places' to self-assess against each of the domains of their partnership maturity by 5 November 2021.

- 3.14 The self-assessment included four categories as summarised below, in which partners assessed the local development against four measures: 1. *Emerging*, 2. *Evolving*, 3. *Established*, 4. *Thriving*, and the results are summarised below.

Category	Descriptor	Place assessment
1. Ambition & vision	Clarity of purpose & vision	Established
	Objectives & priorities	Established
	Population health management to address health inequalities	Established
2. Leadership & culture	Place-based leadership	Established
	Partnership working	Established
	Culture / OD / values & behaviours	Established
	Responding to the voice of our communities / public & patient engagement	Established
3. Design & delivery	Financial framework	Thriving
	Planning & delivery of integrated services	Established
	Enabler: Digital	Established
	Enabler: Estates & assets	Emerging
4. Governance	Governance	Established

- 3.15 A meeting was held with the Chair and Chief Executive of Cheshire and Merseyside ICS Chief Executive, with representatives from Wirral Health and Care System to discuss the submission which was an effective exchange and satisfied with the progress made in Wirral.
- 3.16 It is important that the leadership roles of the Place-based Partnership are agreed and defined clearly, based on the functions and programmes of the partnership, and there is an agreed process to manage any potential conflicts of interest. This will be a role that Cheshire and Merseyside HCP will appoint to and the process to do so is underway.

Impact on NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group

- 3.17 The Health and Care Bill introduced in Parliament on 6th July 2021 confirmed the Government's intentions to introduce statutory arrangements for integrated care systems (ICSs) from April 2022. This date has now been moved back to 1st July 2022 as the Bill is still passing through Parliament. Under this proposed legislation, CCGs will be abolished. Statutory functions, currently exercised by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), will be conferred on Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), along with the transfer of all CCG staff, assets and liabilities (including commissioning responsibilities and contracts). Relevant duties of CCGs include those regarding health inequalities, quality, safeguarding, children in care and children and young people with special educational needs and/or disability. While preparations for these new arrangements are being made, all NHS organisations must continue to operate within the current legislative framework retaining any

governance mechanisms necessary to maintain operational delivery (including patient safety, quality and financial performance).

3.18 The *Human Resources (HR) Framework for Developing Integrated Care Boards* applies to NHS organisations affected by the proposed legislative changes as they develop and transition towards the new statutory integrated care boards (ICBs). These organisations include CCGs and other NHS employers hosting ICS staff or shared services. This guidance provides national policy ambition and practical support to complement regional and ICB approaches and local employer policies for dealing with the change processes required to affect the transfer and the transition. The HR Framework sets out the actions required to:

- Ensure the safe transfer of people to the new integrated care board.
- Plan and implement the transition in line with this guidance and the *Employment Commitment*, encouraging best people practices throughout the transitional arrangements and enabling the right conditions for these new significant organisations to start to deliver their ambitions.
- Ensure that where possible our NHS talent is retained and deployed to support systems in an agile way driving forward the 'one NHS workforce' ambition.

3.19 The *Employment Commitment* is:

- not to make significant changes to roles below the most senior leadership roles
- to minimise the impact of organisational change on current staff by focusing on the continuation of existing good work through the transition and not amending terms and conditions
- to offer opportunities for continued employment for all those who wish to play a part in the future.

The *Employment Commitment* applies aims to 'lift and shift' all staff below board level from CCGs and other impacted organisations so that their roles and responsibilities continue into the newly established ICB. Staff at board level are not considered/included under the *Employment Commitment*.

3.20 Due diligence processes have been put in place to ensure the safe transfer of people (staff) and property (in its widest sense) from CCGs to ICBs. There are clear legal processes in place for transfer, establishment and closedown. These processes also ensure that the relevant duties of CCGs are transferred to the ICB and are delivered seamlessly on the first day of operations of the new organisation.

Next Steps

3.21 National timescales are moving rapidly, although they remain subject to legislation.

3.22 Wirral health and social care system partners have made great progress towards the development of the Wirral Place Based Partnership, and will continue to do so to deliver the arrangements by 1 July 2022.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 The ICB will take on the NHS commissioning functions of CCGs as well as some of NHS England's commissioning functions. It will also be accountable for NHS spend and performance within the system.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Health and Care Bill, published in July 2021, sets out how the Government intends to reform the delivery of health services and promote integration between health and care in England. This is the first major piece of primary legislation for health and care in England since the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

5.2 The Bill will allow for the establishment of Integrated Care Boards and Place-based Partnerships across England. This will be done at the same time as abolishing Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). NHS England will agree ICBs' constitutions and will hold them to account for delivery.

5.3 A number of guidance documents issued by NHS England set out how the NHS, local authority and other partner organisations in Integrated Care System will be expected to operate from April 2022. The guidance includes functional details, particularly structural relationships, governance arrangements and duties of the new ICS.

5.4 At the time of producing this report, the Health and Care Bill was still at Report stage in the House of Commons and has not yet been formally approved.

5.5 The statutory instruments establishing each Integrated Care System cannot be made formally until the Bill has been enacted. However, system partners are charged to preparations for the expected new arrangements, to commence in July 2022.

5.6 Once legislation is passed, a new NHS Framework will be shared which is likely to have impact on several policies and will need to be reviewed in due course.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 The CCG staff in Wirral are directly affected by the Health and Care Bill. There are staffing implications in relation to developing the integrated commissioning team in Wirral. The Council will work in partnership NHS Wirral CCG to ensure that the new integrated commissioning team is supported throughout the transition from 2021 into July 2022 when the ICB will replace the previous CCG organisations.

6.2 Staff currently employed by CCGs will transfer to ICBs, and NHS England has made an employment commitment to staff to provide stability and minimise uncertainty.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There is a risk associated to the timescales to ensure that all arrangements are fully agreed and implemented with local partners by 1 July 2022 to ensure Wirral's Place

Based Partnership is thriving, benefiting residents, patients and people who access local health and social care services.

- 7.2 The Health and Care Bill has not yet been formally approved, therefore there is a risk that further changes may be published that impact upon the proposed Place-based partnership arrangements.
- 7.3 Arrangements to assess and share risks and gains across providers will be fully established and supported by transparency around resource availability and allocation within the place.
- 7.4 The Council will mitigate risks through working closely with partners to gain insight into all areas of risks to enable mitigating actions to be put in place.

8.0 **ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 Wirral's CEO Integrated Care Partnership Development Group and Integrated Care Partnership Delivery Group continue to meet regularly to develop Place-based Partnership arrangements. The Integrated Commissioning and Governance Project Board attended by Council and CCG Officers continues to meet monthly. Council and Health Officers from Wirral continue to engage with Cheshire and Merseyside System leads throughout the development journey to be prepared from July 2022.
- 8.2 Integrated Care Partnership Delivery Group continue to develop and update their communication plan to ensure that all key stakeholders are engaged and informed over the course of the development journey.
- 8.3 Neighbourhood areas are the fundamental platform for engagement working with residents and providers of each neighbourhood. Design, delivery and improvement are shaped through co-production with communities.
- 8.4 Resident's voice will be embedded within neighbourhood and place arrangements driving priorities and ensuring public voice involvement in design and decision making. The Council and place partners will utilise existing networks for effective reach into communities.
- 8.5 The Wirral Place Based Partnership will have Voluntary Sector representation, which is embedded in all elements of population planning, decision making and delivery. Voluntary Sector intelligence and insight will be collated, including wider community feedback, to ensure the Placed Based Partnership can hear from critical voices within different communities, escalate priority issues, and take action on these issues.

9.0 **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help public services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.
- 9.2 The Equality Impact Assessment will be reviewed regularly and updated in July 2022 once the Health and Care Bill has been finalised.
- 9.3 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. Plans will be underpinned by local population health and socio-economic intelligence. The Council will work in partnership with local and regional partners to develop Place-based Partnership arrangements necessary to deliver improved outcomes in population health by tackling health inequality.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no direct environmental or climate implications as a result of this report.
- 10.2 Wirral Council is committed to carrying out its work in an environmentally responsible manner, and these principles will guide the development of the Place-based Partnership in Wirral.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The case for Community Wealth Building is stronger than ever, with the pandemic having a clear and significant impact on our residents, communities, and businesses. It is vital that everything we do at the Council contributes to the recovery and the development of a resilient and inclusive economy for Wirral.
- 11.2 Community Wealth Building in Wirral focusses on partnerships and collaboration, both within the Council and with external partners and stakeholders, including residents. The Council will work together with partners and residents to develop the Wirral Place Based Partnership arrangements in Wirral that meet the needs of the population, with a focus on reducing health inequalities.

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APPENDICES

There are no additional appendices attached to this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- NHS Five Year Forward View (2014), <https://www.england.nhs.uk/five-year-forward-view/>
- NHS Planning Guidance (2017), <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/delivering-the-forward-view-nhs-planning-guidance-201617-202021/>
- NHS Long Term Plan (2019), <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/>

- Designing Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) in England (2019), <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/designing-integrated-care-systems-in-england.pdf>
- Integrating Care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England (2020), <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/261120-item-5-integrating-care-next-steps-for-integrated-care-systems.pdf>
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- NHS Planning Guidance (2021), <https://www.england.nhs.uk/operational-planning-and-contracting/>
- The Queen's Speech 2021 – Background Briefing Notes, https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/985029/Queen_s_Speech_2021_-_Background_Briefing_Notes..pdf
- *Integrated Care Systems: Design Framework and Guidance on the Employment Commitment* (2021), <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/integrated-care-systems-design-framework/>
- NHS People Plan 2020/2021, <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ournhspeople/>
- Thriving Places - September 2021 – Found at [Thriving Places: guidance on the development of place-based partnerships as part of statutory integrated care systems](#)
- Building strong integrated care systems everywhere ICS implementation guidance on effective clinical and care professional leadership - September 2021 - Found at [Building strong integrated care systems everywhere: ICS implementation guidance on effective clinical and care professional leadership](#)
- Building strong integrated care systems everywhere ICS implementation guidance on partnerships with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector- September 2021 - Found at [Building strong integrated care systems everywhere: ICS implementation guidance on partnerships with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector](#)
- Health and Care Bill (2021) <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3022>

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
<p>Previous reports presented to Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing Board Refreshed Purpose Integrated Care System Project Update • Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Partnership Developments • Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Partnership Developments • Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Partnership Developments <p>Previous reports presented to Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Developments in the NHS • Proposals for Integrated Care Partnership • Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Partnership Developments • Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Partnership Developments <p>Previous reports presented to Partnerships Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Developments in the NHS • Strategic Developments in the NHS • Strategic Developments in the NHS • Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Partnership Developments 	<p>31st March 2021 16th June 2021 20th July 2021 29th September 3rd November 2021 15th December 2021</p> <p>2nd March 2021 7th June 2021</p> <p>29th July 2021 8th September 2021 13th October 2021</p> <p>9th November 2020 13th January 2021 29th June 2021 28th September 2021</p>