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## ICP Update

***We will help the people of Dudley to live longer healthier lives through our pioneering and truly integrated NHS organisation, focused on the overall health and needs of the population of Dudley. Our ethos is 'community where possible, hospital where necessary'. We provide accessible and efficient services, and high quality is at the heart of everything we do.***

Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter on the Integrated Care Provider (ICP).

Firstly, we would like to share some very positive news with you. We have received confirmation from NHSE/I that we will be beginning our new organisation on 1st April 2020; Dudley Integrated Health and Care NHS. As many of you will be aware, this has been a hugely ambitious journey and we are delighted that we are about to become the first Integrated Care Provider in the country. We would like to thank you for continued support and patience in developing the ICP.

From 1st April, the ICP leadership team will be supporting the co-ordination of primary care and community services in response to COVID-19. As an organisation we are ideally placed to support our local partners within the NHS and wider system by responding to the unprecedented challenge that we find ourselves faced with. We are also delighted to announce that we now have an Interim Chief Executive Officer in post from 1st April. His name is Paul Assinder, and he is well known in the local system as he has recently worked with Black Country Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust and previously with Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Although the submission of our full business case for the award of the ICP contract is now delayed due to the virus, we will still be fulfilling our statutory requirements. Our very first Board meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st April 2020. Our Board meetings will be held in public but in line with national government guidelines, for the foreseeable future our meetings will be held online. The papers for the meeting can be found by accessing <http://www.dwmh.nhs.uk/dihc-board-papers/>

The first staff to be joining us will be the Primary Care Mental Health Team and the Talking Therapies Team and we are looking forward to welcoming staff into the new organisation. If you are a patient currently receiving

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treatment from these teams, there will be no change. You will still see the same team in the same way you always have.

We will continue to update with newsletters and are deeply disappointed that we are unable to continue with public meetings for the foreseeable future. If you feel there is anything we could do better to keep you informed or involved, then please do get in touch.

As ever, if you have any questions please contact Helen by emailing [h.codd@nhs.net](mailto:h.codd@nhs.net) or by ringing 01384 321719.

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