

MCP 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 quality is at the heart of everything we do.

We have produced this briefing to bring you up to date with the progress on the development of Dudley's Multi-specialty Community Provider (MCP). It will tell you about changes to the name of the MCP, our progress over the last few months, some of the key milestones, achievements and upcoming news.

Firstly, you may be aware that nationally there are plans to develop Integrated Care Providers (ICP) and Integrated Care Systems (ICS) as brought about by the recent publication of the NHS Long Term Plan. The Integrated Care Provider (ICP) Contract is one of the available options for systems to enable joined up decision making and integration of services. It will enable commissioners to award a single contract to a provider that is responsible for the integrated provision of general practice, wider NHS and potentially local authority services. ICP is the new terminology for an MCP and therefore this means that the MCP will be known as an ICP from now on.

As you may remember, our journey in Dudley started in 2015 when we were successful in being selected as one of NHS England's New Care Model vanguard sites. Extensive engagement with patients, carers, public, communities and wider partners took place to understand views around the development of the ICP.

The ambition of the ICP would be to recognise what is important for local people and bring care not only closer to home but to make it more personalised by wrapping that care around the person. We heard that access, continuity and co-ordination were really important to people. We also heard from our workforce that they were proud of their jobs but wanted more freedom to be innovative and provide solutions to some of the most common issues.

We have recently been given approval to produce our full business case for submission to NHS regulators and will begin to recruit the team who will make the ICP a reality.

We are very excited to announce that this recruitment process will begin by appointing a team of Interim Executives and substantive Non-Executives for the ICP. The successful applicants will work alongside Mr Harry Turner, Chair of the ICP and as a team they will bring the ICP to a reality.

We have now received further support from the regulators to move forward with the aim of using Dudley and Walsall Mental Health NHS Partnership Trust once it merges with Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. This is a hugely significant milestone in our progress. The services from those two

existing organisations will be provided by Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and their name will change to Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. This provides the ICP with the opportunity to use the vacated Dudley and Walsall Mental Health NHS Partnership Trust as the new ICP organisation.

Our focus remains on working with our partners to achieve regulatory approval for the ICP to be able to hold the ICP contract. We are working closely with NHSE/I to provide them with the information that they require in order to progress that approval, including preparing the full business case. We are doing this with our partners in Primary Care, The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, and with Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust and Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

We very much hope that you have found this update useful. This is the first of many that we will be producing to keep all staff and wider stakeholders up to date on progress over the coming months. These updates will be supported by face to face staff updates and regular engagement with stakeholders which are being arranged across the borough.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Stephanie Cartwright, Interim Managing Director on Stephanie.cartwright1@nhs.net

We also need to decide on a new name for the ICP. There are NHS guidelines that need to be followed so the three names we have are:

**Dudley Integrated Health and Care NHS Trust
Dudley Community Integrated Partnership NHS Trust
Dudley Partnerships Integrated Care NHS Trust**

We would love to hear your feedback on the suggestions. Please share your views by contacting Helen on h.codd@nhs.net