

Report of the Chief Executive, Derbyshire CCGs

Derbyshire CCGs proposals to merge

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out Derbyshire CCGs proposals to merge covering:
 - Key principles.
 - The need to change.
 - Strategic direction.
 - Membership voting and public engagement.
 - Progress to date.
 - Next steps.
- 1.2 The purpose of the report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board an overview of the plans and required process.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note Derbyshire CCGs proposals to merge and the progress achieved to-date.
- 2.2 To continue to support the work for the merger and also make a recommendation as to the name.
- 2.3 To agree to receive regular updates on proposed merger through to 2019.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board is fully informed of the intention and progress of Derbyshire CCGs to merge, and any implications for the health and wellbeing of the local population and/or provision of health and care services in the city.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 There are a number of key principles that we believe the merger of Derbyshire CCGs will support:

- Ensure that the system can deliver safe, effective care, improving patient outcomes and making the best use of the resources available to us.
- Support people to live independently for longer, stay well and recover quickly closer to home,
- Encourage and support patients to be active participants in their own care
- Commission services in local community settings Place where it is safe, sustainable and achieves improved outcomes and patient experience
- Provide holistic care co-ordinated around the patient, delivered by multidisciplinary teams working around groups of GP practices.
- Work with our Partners to implement alternative methods of providing care and support, that deliver the outcomes people need at lowest cost.
- 4.2 The need for change is that the STP footprint covers the whole of Derbyshire whilst commissioning decisions are made by four CCGs. This, and the pace of transformational change needed along with the significant financial gap requires more streamlined commissioning arrangements.
- 4.3 Derbyshire CCGs have been working more closely together since 2016, a single Chief Executive was appointed in 2017 and joint leadership team appointed in 2018.
- 4.4 The current thinking is towards the development of a strategic commissioner which sets pan-Derbyshire outcomes and commissions at scale. Alongside this will be local 'Place-Based' commissioning delivered through eight Place Alliances.
- 4.5 Each CCG is a statutory body set up in law and each has its own constitution therefore we need to request a change in the statute to merge the four CCGs and create a single one for Derbyshire.
- 4.6 We have consulted with patients, public, families, carers, our GP members, politicians, our stakeholders and others to see whether people agree that this proposal is right for Derbyshire.
- 4.7 Significant progress has been made to date including:
 - December 2017 first Governing Body meeting in Common; scheduled on alternate months to single Governing Bodies.
 - March 2018 Commencement of Committees in Common, replacing previous single CCG Committees.
 - March 2018 Joined Up Care Derbyshire Board agrees the creation of Place Alliances.
 - June 2018 single Executive Team recruited
 - June 2018 Governing Bodies agree to apply for a merger
 - July 2018 Staff consultation commenced on new workforce structure
 - July ongoing engagement and consultation with the membership, stakeholders and public on proposals.

- August 2018 GP member practices vote in favour of merger.
- August 2018 Meeting with NHS England regional team regarding the initial application to formally merge, attended by CCG leadership team and Local Authority Directors from both city and county.
- 4.8 Key next steps include:
 - September 2018 application considered by NHS England Regional Panel and national team.
 - October/November 2018 decision notified.
 - We are required by the end of September to inform NHSE of the intended new name for the new CCG. Suggestions are:
 - 1) NHS Derbyshire and Derby City CCG, OR
 - 2) NHS Derbyshire CCG.
- 4.9 We are committed to keeping people fully informed on progress with all our activities and our developing clinical commissioning strategy and plan ongoing engagement programme with patients, public, families, carers, partners, stakeholders and others planned for the coming months.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	
Financial officer	
Human Resources officer	
Estates/Property officer	
Service Director(s)	
Other(s)	

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 None.

Personnel

3.1 None.

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4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

5.1 None.

Health and Safety

6.1 None.

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 None.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

9.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 None.