

Working together:
NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS Vale Royal Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group

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Background

We wrote to you in April to set out proposals to support our place-based approach to integrated care in Cheshire; aligned with our local authority boundaries and including recommendations to our Governing Bodies to merge the four Cheshire CCGs into a single strategic commissioner.

We committed to regular briefings and an ongoing conversation with you to ensure you are kept informed of the proposed changes and we are now able to update that all of the CCG Governing Bodies have now met and have accepted the recommendations set out below;

- **Recommendation 1:** that the four existing CCGs should merge into one Cheshire CCG with the development of two integrated health and social care commissioning boards on local authority footprints.
The single Cheshire CCG would be a statutory NHS body from 1st April 2020.
- **Recommendation 2:** that a single Accountable Officer for the four CCGs is appointed and in post by 1st April 2019.
- **Recommendation 3:** that the three existing Executive Teams will merge into one single team following the appointment of the single Accountable Officer. We will work closely with local authority colleagues across the two council footprints.
- **Recommendation 4:** that between 2018-2020 the CCGs will continue to strengthen their collaborative commissioning arrangements, identifying opportunities to commission services for our local population collectively and collaboratively.
- **Recommendation 5:** that the CCGs progress, ahead of 2020, shared governance arrangements.

Next Steps

All Governing Bodies have agreed to take the proposals to the respective membership bodies of each CCG for discussion. The Joint Commissioning Committee will now agree the process and timeline to achieve this.

The outcome of these discussions will then need to be taken back to each Governing Body and it is expected that this will take place in July 2018.

If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please continue speak to one of our GP Chairs or Accountable Officer in the first instance who will work to address these.

Many thanks

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