CONNECTING CARE IN CHESHIRE PIONEER PROGRAMME

A Report on Programme Governance and Reporting Arrangements

**1.	Purpose**

1.1.	The purpose of this report is to set out the governance and reporting arrangements for the Connecting Care in Cheshire Pioneer Programme.

**2.	Background**

2.1	In May 2013, 13 national leaders of health and care and support came together to help launch the 'Integrated Care and Support: Our Shared Commitment' publication, which recommended Integrated Care and Support Pioneers programme.

2.2	The aim of the programme is to help local areas integrate services, so that individuals and families experience consistent, high quality, personalised and non-fragmented care and support to meet their needs.

2.3	Along with 13 other sites Connecting Care in Cheshire was selected to become 'pioneers' of the programme and now has a responsibility to act as exemplars, demonstrating the use of ambitious and innovative approaches to efficiently deliver integrated care and support. The organisations comprising Connecting Care in Cheshire Pioneer Programme are reflected in the Figure 1 below.
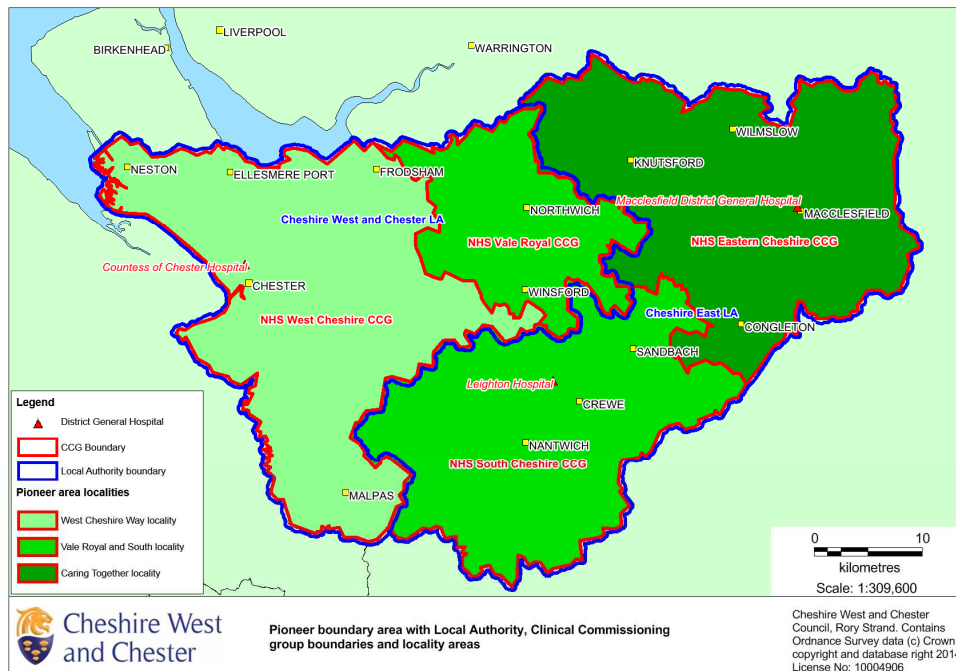
Figure 1 Connecting Care in Cheshire Pioneer Programme boundaries

3.   Governance Arrangements

3.1   Pioneer partners across Cheshire are committed to a model of collaborative leadership, through which shared visions and outcomes will allow organisations to establish a common direction of travel and make joint decisions. A Pioneer Panel with representatives from both Health and Wellbeing Boards has been established to help coordinate activity across the Cheshire Pioneer areas where appropriate.

3.3   The relationship between the Programme, the two Health and Wellbeing Boards, and the three locality integrated care programmes is outlined in Figure 2.
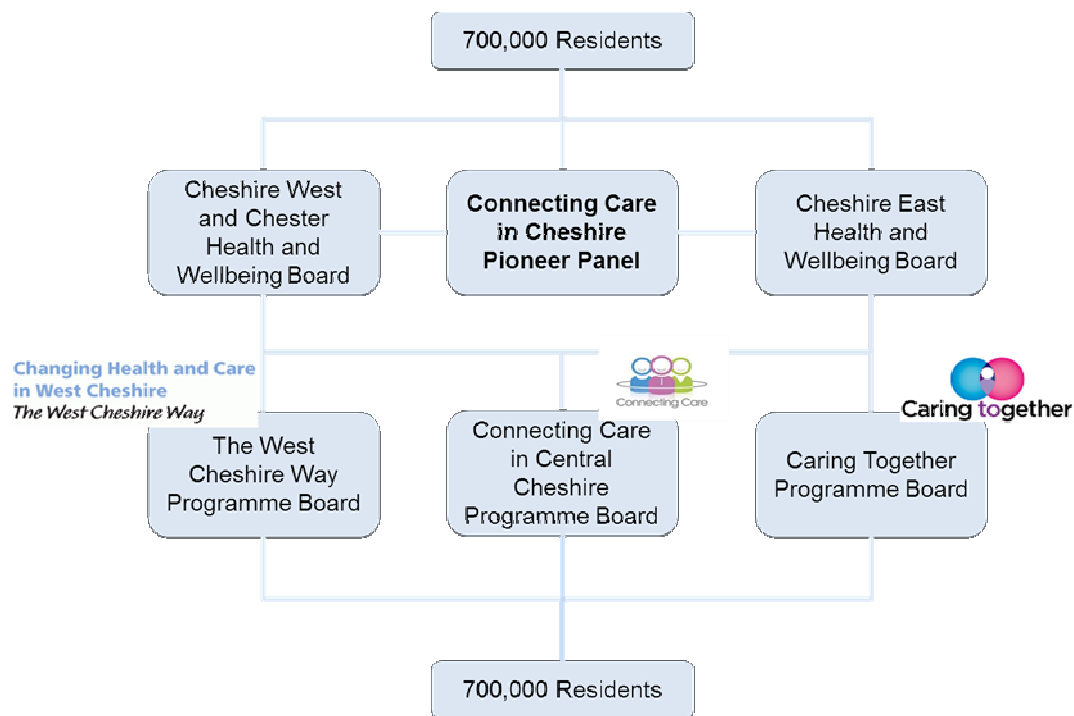
Figure 2 Connecting Care in Cheshire Pioneer Programme Governance Structure

3.2   It is recognised that that all local organisations and partnerships will maintain their governance processes and structures to ensure continuity of existing sovereignty to stability. The role of service users and their carers is vitally important and will feed in via Health Watch and other local arrangements such as the Older Peoples Network, Health Voice, the Parent Partnership, and Patient Participation Groups.

4.   Programme Reporting Arrangements

4.1   The Connecting Care in Cheshire Pioneer Programme Director will report progress monthly against the stated aims of the Connecting Care in Cheshire Programme to the Panel using an agreed highlight report.

4.2   Although still evolving, the Connecting Care in Cheshire delivery structure is outlined in Figure 3. The 'enablers' chime with those set out in national Pioneer programme and the workstreams reflect those common areas of integration that all three locality programmes have committed to collaborate on across the Cheshire Pioneer area.

4.3   As workstreams progress it may become necessary to establish a steering group between the Pioneer Panel and the portfolio of workstreams.
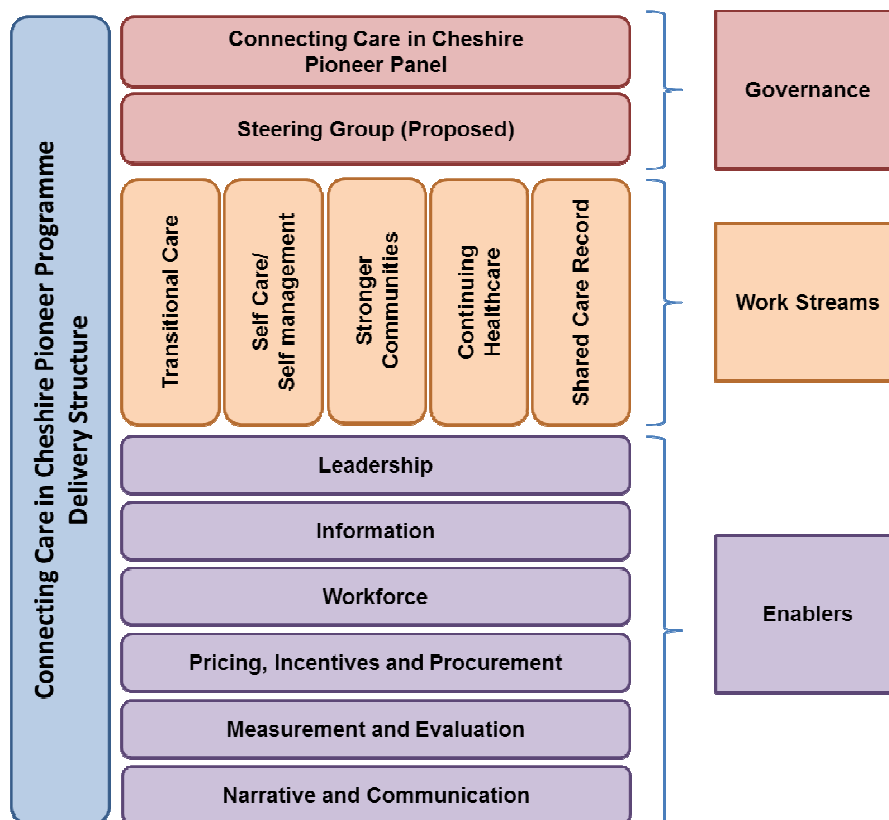

Figure 2 Connecting Care in Cheshire Pioneer Delivery Structure

5.   Conclusion

5.1   The Connecting Care in Cheshire Pioneer Panel believes the collaborative governance and reporting arrangements outlined above will help partners in Cheshire deliver better outcomes for our citizens, many of which are vulnerable, at both scale and pace. It will also lead to a transformational reduction in demand and the ability to meet needs with reducing resources.