

VISION AND STRATEGY FOR INTEGRATED CARE IN EAST AND MID CHESHIRE **East & Mid Cheshire Caring Together (E=MC²gether)**

INTRODUCTION

Background.

The organisations in the East and Mid Cheshire health and social care economy have agreed to work together to create a system of integrated care.

The rationale for this work includes:

- Transforming and enhancing the service user and carer experience of health and social care;
- A desire to develop integrated care systems that deliver high quality health and social care;
- To enable sustained achievement of system and organisational performance objectives;
- A need to ensure financial stability across the system in the light of significant future decreases in public sector spending;
- The Payment by Results (PbR) system not being 'fit for purpose' for health economies with small(er) hospitals;
- Transforming Community Services (TCS) and the drive towards greater PCT commissioner and provider separation;
- A desire to sustain an appropriate level and range of secondary care services for the local population;
- The fact that Foundation Trust status is unlikely for some small(er) health organisations under the current regulations and financial frameworks;
- The personalisation of care
- The Reablement of service users
- To build on previous and existing workstreams
- Delivery of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) objectives

There are already a large range of projects and programmes that will contribute to this wider system review including:

- the Transforming Community Services programme
- the community hospital developments in Knutsford, Northwich and Congleton
- primary care developments (premises and services)
- urgent care centre commissioning
- intermediate care commissioning
- the very high intensity user project
- practice based commissioning developments
- transforming social care
- Decentralisation of mental health services.