

NHS Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Groups

January 2018 – transition update

The Birmingham and Solihull CCGs are making good progress towards the creation of the new CCG on 1 April 2018.

The CCGs' staff consultation is currently underway and will conclude on 15 January.

The consultation gives staff the opportunity to comment and ask questions on the proposed structure of the new CCG as well as the specific job roles.

Recognising the importance of different places throughout Birmingham and Solihull, the proposed staff structure for the new CCG reflects a commitment to supporting the six localities.

Key appointments



Clinical Chair

Dr Peter Ingham, a partner at Sutton Group Medical Practice, has enjoyed a 27-year career in general practice in Birmingham, as well as sitting on the Governing Body of Birmingham CrossCity CCG for the past four years – overseeing the two largest acute hospital contracts as Contracting Lead.

Lay Vice Chair

Sir Tony Hawkhead CBE, has held several high profile chief executive posts, including his current role with the national charity Action for Children, as well as non-executive roles with the UK National Advisory Board on Social Investment and the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Chief Executive Officer

The advert for this position will go live on 4 January 2018.

Executive Team

All positions have now been filled.

A formal agreement between the BSol CCGs and Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG is currently being finalised for approval at respective Boards.

In summary:

- It builds on existing joint working arrangements.
- Is set out in a memorandum of understanding, with a clear delegation agreement and terms of reference.

Provides for the CCGs to:

- a) exercise the existing joint commissioning functions;
- b) develop a single commissioning plan for West Birmingham; and
- c) ensure the two CCGs are working collaboratively, for the benefit of the population.

It is recognised, and expected, that this will further evolve during the course of 2018/19.

Clinical leadership priorities



There have been a number of sessions for GPs from across Birmingham and Solihull to come together to discuss and debate the vision and purpose for the new organisation.

Progress to date includes:

- An agreement to create six localities, consistent with parliamentary constituencies;
- The locality structures will include a focus on the integration of general practice at a place based practice level;
- A GP commissioning leader will be identified for each place, supported by dedicated officer resources;
- An understanding that engagement and development at a local level will need to balance the need for consistency across Birmingham and Solihull as a system; and
- Recognition that this is part of the journey, in relation to commissioning reform.

Key pieces of work



There are a number of key pieces of work which the CCGs are working on in preparation for 1 April 2018.

- Developing an organisational strategy for Birmingham and Solihull, which will set out vision, values and purpose.
- Development of the governance arrangements, including the localities and sub-structures.
- Consideration to the alignment of the refreshed Birmingham and Solihull STP plan.
- Recruitment to the CCGs' operational structures.
- A new communications and engagement strategy, which will set out our vision and framework for the way in which we communicate and engage with you stakeholders within the six localities, as well as more strategically across the whole Birmingham and Solihull area.