

Birmingham and Solihull CCGs:

Proposed merger

National and local context

- CCG merger is not routinely supported, but would be accepted in exceptional circumstances only.
- Currently, there are no mergers in Midlands and East region.
- However a number of CCGs have shared committees, management teams and/or systems and/or shared Accountable Officers (AO). These include:
 - NHS Cannock Chase CCG, NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG and NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG have a shared AO and management team.
 - NHS North Staffordshire CCG and NHS Stoke on Trent CCG, with substantive AO from North Staffordshire also interim AO at Stoke.
 - NHS Coventry and Rugby CCG and NHS Warwickshire North CCG, with substantive AO from Warwickshire North as interim AO for Coventry and Rugby.
 - NHS Walsall CCG and NHS Dudley CCG, with substantive AO from Dudley as interim AO for Walsall.
 - NHS South Worcestershire CCG, NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG and NHS Wyre Forest CCG have shared AO.
- NHS England is fully supportive of the Birmingham & Solihull (BSol) CCGs wish to work more closely together, whether that be as a new commissioning organisation or an accountable care approach.

Where we are currently

- Work has commenced to align the BSol CCGs' working arrangements in the lead up to the proposed merger.
- The BSol Healthcare Commissioning Board has been set up to oversee the transition and move towards joint decision making.
- The Board is supported by a number of joint committees and committees in common.
- Approval of a common scheme of reservation and delegation is underway, which will allow joint commissioning decisions to be made.
- A merger application will be submitted to NHS England later in the year.

Proposal to create a single commissioning organisation

- The proposal, which will need to be approved by NHS England later in the year, is that the current Birmingham and Solihull CCGs merge to form one Birmingham and Solihull wide CCG. It is currently proposed that this should happen on 1 April 2018.
- The three existing individual CCGs will cease to exist from the date of the merger; one new legal entity will be formed which incorporates the footprint of the three previous organisations.
- New governance and accountability arrangements will exist for the new organisation, which will be developed over the coming 12 months.

Proposal to create a single commissioning organisation

- The merged organisation will have an Accountable Officer and Chair, supported by a single management team.
- There will also be a revised governance structure for the new organisation, the detail of which will be developed ahead of the merger and once the Accountable Officer has been appointed.
- However, it is known that the governance structure will include all of the required statutory functions, which include: a Governing Body; Statutory Committees; and membership, public and stakeholder engagement, where required.

Finance: Birmingham CrossCity CCG

- Current financial allocation: £1,027,637,000, which includes a running cost allocation of £14.596 million.
- QIPP target for 2017/18: £41,061,000

Finance: Birmingham South Central CCG

- Current financial allocation: £416,156,000
- QIPP target for 2017/18: £15,161,000

Finance: Solihull CCG

- Current financial allocation: £299,446,000
- QIPP target for 2017/18: £18,028,000

There will be one Birmingham and Solihull budget, if the CCG merger is approved.

Communications and engagement

- Statutory duties still apply, including ongoing engagement with the HOSCs/JHOSC.
- Communications and engagement workstream in place.
- Overseen by executive lead for communications and engagement.
- External stakeholder and public communications and engagement planned, at an appropriate time.
- Stakeholder mapping complete.
- Ongoing staff and membership communication and engagement already taking place.

Questions?