



Establishing the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)

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Summary

1. To meet the requirements for the Health and Care Act 2022 proposals have been developed for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership (ICP).
2. The proposals have been informed by the legislative requirements, policy and discussion with system partners. A number of discussions have been held with system partners who are supportive of the proposals.
3. The ICP will be the 'guiding mind' of the health and care system, providing a forum for NHS leaders and Local Authorities to come together with important stakeholders from across the system and community. The ICP will lead on creating an integrated care strategy and outcomes framework for the system.
4. Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board are asked to formally establish the ICP.

Purpose of the Report

5. The purpose of this report is to set out key recommendations relating to the establishment of a Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) within statutory arrangements for Integrated Care Systems (ICSs).

Information

6. The Health and Care Act 2022 establishes Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) as new NHS bodies, and also requires that each system establish an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP).
7. The ICP will be formed by the ICB and upper tier Local Authorities (LAs) responsible for social care services as equal partners. It will be a joint committee, not a statutory body.
8. ICPs will be a critical part of ICSs and the journey towards better health and care outcomes for the people they serve. ICPs will provide a forum for NHS leaders and LAs to come together with important stakeholders from across the system and community. Together, the ICP will generate an integrated care strategy and outcomes framework to improve health and care outcomes and experiences for its populations, for which all partners will be accountable.



9. ICPs are expected to provide opportunity to align purpose and ambitions with plans to integrate care and improve health and wellbeing outcomes for local populations. ICPs will facilitate joint action to improve health and care services and to influence the wider determinants of health and broader social and economic development. Such joined-up, inclusive working is central to ensuring that ICS partners are targeting their collective action and resources at the areas which will have the greatest impact on outcomes and inequalities as England recovers from the pandemic.
10. Integrated care strategies must be developed for the whole population using best available evidence and data, covering health and social care (both children's and adult's social care), and addressing the wider determinants of health and wellbeing. The integrated care strategy should be built bottom-up from local assessments of needs and assets identified at place level. The Act also places a duty for the ICB to have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs), Integrated Care Strategy, and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies when exercising its functions.

Establishing the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICP

11. To meet the requirements for the Health and Care Act 2022, a working group was established to develop proposals for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICP.
12. Proposals have been developed as informed by the legislative requirements, policy and discussion with system partners. A number of discussions have been held with system partners who are supportive of these proposals. At its 3 March meeting, the ICS Partnership Board endorsed proposals for the three statutory bodies to consider.
13. The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICP will be the 'guiding mind' of the health and care system, in creating an integrated care strategy and outcomes framework.
14. The ICP will be governed by a set of principles and ways of working, which are based on a combination of what has been deemed important by local stakeholders together with national expectations.
15. The membership will comprise of five nominations from each of the LAs and ICB. Membership of the ICP also includes citizen representatives and senior representatives from each of the four Place Based Partnerships.
16. Discussions between the City and County Councils are ongoing to enable the most appropriate and effective representation via the two City Partner and two County Partner places. These appointments will be progressed in consultation with relevant Members, ahead of the first meeting of the ICP and in line with arrangements via the in year appointments process.



17. The ICP will regularly receive a report on insights gained from service users and citizens to inform its work.
18. As the ICP becomes operational, there will be a small number of formal meetings arranged and held in public at key points of the planning cycle. These will be supplemented by development sessions as needed.
19. As well as formal meetings, to enable wider engagement in, and co-production of, the integrated care strategy and outcomes framework further mechanisms will be put in place to enable all stakeholders a point of influence:
 - a. A wider assembly of partners, to be held at least twice a year, to inform the creation of the integrated care strategy and outcomes framework. Broad participation will be sought to include people who rely on care and support, unpaid carers, the full range of social care and NHS providers, the voluntary and community sector, local professional committees (e.g. optical and pharmaceutical committees), the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner etc.
 - b. Linkages will be made with existing networks, groups, and governance structures, including staff forums and insights gained from place and neighbourhood engagement.
20. Initially the ICP will be chaired by the ICB Chair supported by two Vice-Chairs. The Chairs of the Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Health and Wellbeing Boards will act as joint Vice-Chairs of the ICP.
21. In line with the above paragraphs, an initial Terms of Reference for the ICP is presented to Full Council / ICB Board to seek formal approval for the establishment of the ICP.
22. These arrangements will be kept under review during the first 12 months of operation to develop and evolve, and to take account of any secondary legislation and best practice. The ICP will build on the expertise, relationships and engagement forums that already exist across local areas, building priorities from the bottom up, to ensure those outlined in the integrated care strategy resonate with people across the ICS. Any formal amendments to the Terms of Reference will need to be agreed with the statutory bodies.

Next Steps

23. It is recommended that Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB approve the initial Terms of Reference for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership as detailed in this report.