

Integrated Care Partnerships

Working together to deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

Transforming Your Care

Background

Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) are a key element of Transforming Your Care, and will be a new way of working for the health service in Northern Ireland to transform how care is delivered.

ICPs are collaborative networks of care providers, bringing together doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, hospital specialists, other healthcare professionals and the voluntary and community sectors, as well as service users and carers, to design and coordinate local health and social care services.

ICP Scope and Benefits

ICPs will initially focus on services for the frail elderly and those with some long term conditions: respiratory conditions, diabetes and stroke. These are called the ICP Clinical Priorities for 2013/14. ICPs will address the entire care pathway for each of these patient groups, from prevention through to end of life care, and look at how care can be improved.

17 Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) are being established across the five Local Commissioning Group (LCG) areas to ensure coverage of all GP practices. Each ICP will be based around natural geographies of approximately 100,000 people and 25-30 practices:

- ❖ Four in the **Belfast** area: North, South, East and West;
- ❖ Four in the **Northern** area: Causeway, Mid Ulster, East Antrim, Antrim/ Ballymena;
- ❖ Four in the **South Eastern** area: North Down, Ards, Lisburn and Down;
- ❖ Three in the **Southern** area: Newry/ Mourne, Armagh/ Dungannon and Craigavon/ Banbridge;
- ❖ Two in the **Western** area: Northern Sector and Southern Sector.

Progress to date



ICP Project Director, Martin Hayes and Clinical Director, Dr Margaret O'Brien (front left and centre) pictured with ICP area Clinical Leads (Row 2, L-R) Dr Windsor Murdock; Dr Brian Patterson OBE; Dr Brian Dunn and Dr Brendan O'Hare and Business Support Team Managers (row 3, L-R) Christine Breen; Anne-Marie O'Boyle; Margaret McDaid; Michael Megaw and (front centre) Michele Bekmez.

ICPs are led by those providing care in the locality and there is strong professional support for the collaborative approach that ICPs will deliver.

Good progress has already been made in establishing the supporting infrastructure for ICPs. Five small Business and Clinical Support Teams (see below) have been established to provide consistency and momentum to the work of ICPs.

Locality	Clinical Lead	Business Support Team Manager
Belfast	Dr Windsor Murdock	Michael Megaw
North	Dr Brian Patterson OBE	Anne-Marie O'Boyle
South East	Dr Brian Dunn	Christine Breen
South	Dr Barney McCoy	Michele Bekmez
West	Dr Brendan O'Hare	Margaret McDaid

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Each ICP will have a **Partnership Committee**, which will meet at least quarterly. All 17 Partnership Committees have now met and will operate in shadow form until the full membership is in place, including the voluntary and community sectors, and service users and carers.

The Partnership Committee will be responsible for four key aspects of improving the care pathway for the priority groups:

1. **Risk Stratification** – targeting our care to those most in need;
2. **Information Sharing** – how we work together;
3. **Care Pathways** – looking at how care is delivered;
4. **Evaluation** – to ensure benefits are achieved.

The commissioning structure for the ICPs can be seen opposite.

Enabling ICPs to work

To provide a supporting '**project**' structure for the development of ICPs, a Regional ICP Project Board has been set up chaired by Dr Sloan Harper. A Regional Project Team and a Stakeholder Reference Group (both containing a range of stakeholders) will be convened soon.

As part of Transforming Your Care, it is anticipated that **transitional funding** for ICPs will be available for 2-3 years to support service change. Service changes must deliver savings in the longer term as transitional monies are only available until 2015. In 2013/14, it is anticipated that there will be approximately £2.8m across the 17 ICPs and for 2014/15 this is likely to be approximately £5.5m. It is important to note that the ICP is a network of service providers and does not have a commissioning role. This funding is held by the Local Commissioning Group and will be released following consideration of Investment Proposals developed by the ICP.

Next steps

Over the summer months, work will be ongoing to **fully establish all of the ICP structures** including the Regional ICP Project Team and Stakeholder Reference Group which will build consistency and information sharing across the ICPs, and facilitate engagement with a range of external stakeholders. ICP Partnership Committees will be developing action plans for the Clinical Priority areas to ensure service changes can begin to be implemented from September onwards.

We hope to send out update bulletins regularly to all those involved in the work of ICPs, and welcome your feedback – please get in touch using the following:



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Sitting around the table, each **ICP Partnership Committee** will include:

- ❖ 4 local Trust representatives (hospital and community staff including a medical specialist, a nurse, an allied health professional and a social worker);
- ❖ 1 Ambulance Service member;
- ❖ 1-2 members from the voluntary and community sectors;
- ❖ 2 service users / carers;
- ❖ 2 GPs; and
- ❖ 2 community pharmacists.

