



STP Bulletin

Updates from the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West
Sustainability and Transformation Partnership

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Funding Boost for Digital Health and Care

Plans to enable digital technology to support the delivery of health and care across the STP have received a £11.43 million boost from NHS England. Spread over three years, the money will be matched locally by the STP, bringing the total budget to £23 million. The move follows the commitment made by the Secretary of State for Health, Matt Hancock, to a new technology driven NHS and the announcement of the availability of over £412.5 million nationally.

At its October meeting, the Chief Executives' Strategy Group, considered a wide range of schemes that could benefit from funding and prioritised 12 projects for approval by NHS England. Each health and care system has had a project approved. It was agreed that the Buckinghamshire health and care system should receive the lion share of the available funds to address a number of pressing needs. Key programmes of work that will receive investment include:

- A new pathology IT system for Oxfordshire
- Improvements to the maternity electronic patient record in Berkshire West
- Support to further develop integrated teams in Buckinghamshire, including using technology to support more flexible staff working and providing ways for patients to have access to information to help them to look after their health conditions.

Improvements Planned for Urgent and Emergency Care

Across the NHS, staff work around the clock to deliver the best possible care to more patients than ever before, but it's becoming increasingly difficult as demand continues to rise. The STP is looking at how it can improve urgent and emergency care so that patients get the right care in the right place, whenever they need it.

The most significant changes and developments will be led by and delivered within the three health and care systems within the partnership. As a STP, Chief Executives have agreed that the joint work within the partnership should focus on:

- Piloting and implementing NHS 111 online so that people can access urgent care services over the internet
- The development of Urgent Treatment Centres – these will be GP-led, open at least 12 hours a day, every day, and be equipped to diagnose and deal with many of the most common ailments people attend A&E for
- Making sure each local health and care system is prepared and ready for winter.

STP Invited to Join National Development Programme

NHS England has invited the partnership to join five other STPs in a tailored programme to take joint working across and with health and care systems further.

Health and care leaders in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West will be supported by experts from PWC/Optum, working with Tim Beasley who is the STP's Head of STP (ICS) Development. They will focus on a number of areas that will further improve integrated working with and across the three health and care systems within the STP. This will include plans for specialised commissioning and the development of a STP Clinical Strategy. The first of a series of six workshops will be held next week.

Leaders Appointed to Digital Exemplar Programme

Julie Fisher has been appointed as Senior Responsible Officer for the Thames Valley and Surrey Local Health and Care Record Programme. The aim of the programme is to create an integrated, electronically shared local health and care record across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Surrey over the next two years.

Julie was formerly the Deputy Chief Executive of Surrey County Council. She will be joined by Andrew Fenton, who has been appointed to the post of Programme Director.

STPs and Integrated Care Systems in the Thames Valley and Surrey were awarded £7.5m funding by NHS England to create an integrated, electronically shared local health and care record. The project will bring a number of benefits to staff and patients. For example, staff will be able to access information from patient histories to previous test results and care plans. At the moment, GPs and other care professionals are often not able to access crucial patient information quickly if it is held in another part of the health service. Patients will see the benefit of this sharing of information by not having to provide the same information each time they are seen by a different part of the NHS or social care.

Local Government Representatives Join STP Strategy Group

Two further local government Chief Executives have joined Rachael Shimmin (CEO Buckinghamshire County Council) on the STP's Chief Executive's Strategy Group (CESG) – Nick Carter (CEO West Berkshire Council) and Yvonne Rees (Joint CEO of Oxfordshire County Council & Cherwell District Council).

Their role on the group is to bring the local authority voice and perspective to the table so that the CESG can fully take into account all aspects of integrating health and care. The CESG meets monthly and is responsible for setting the vision, strategy and pace of STP development and provides strong CEO programme leadership for STP and STP-plus workstreams.

Farewell to Paul Brennan

Paul Brennan, the STP's Programme Director has left the partnership to take up a new role as Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.