



# STP Bulletin

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

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## STP Secures £12.9 Million for New World Class NHS Facilities

Three new health schemes, including the first unit in the area designed to provide low secure accommodation for patients with autism and learning disabilities have been awarded national funding as part of a major investment in the long-term future of the NHS.

Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, announced £12.9 million for the BOB STP area to give more patients high quality care in world-class facilities.

### 10 bed unit for patients with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire

£8.566 million will be spent on a 10 bed low secure inpatient unit designed for patients with learning disabilities, based at Oxford Health Foundation Trust. The unit will be designed to provide accommodation for patients with autism and learning disabilities. It will offer the first low secure learning disability beds within the BOB STP area.

### 12-bed mental health unit for children in Berkshire West

£2.521 million has been awarded for a new 12-bed mental health services inpatient wing for children within Berkshire's mental health in-patient site at Prospect Park.

The creation of these new facilities, with a higher staffing ratio will help to provide treatment closer to home and reduce the reliance on children's out-of-area mental health placements.

### New delivery suite for planned (elective) caesarean-sections at the John Radcliffe Hospital

£1.834 million to convert a procedure room to a theatre within the delivery suite at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford University NHS Foundation Trust

The BOB STP funding forms part of a total of £963 million allocated to 75 new health schemes across the country to help upgrade facilities and increase the numbers of people being treated. The investment comes ahead of the launch of the government's long term plan for the NHS.

## STP to Develop a Strategy for Wellbeing, Health and Care

The STP Chief Executives Strategy Group has agreed a three phase process to develop a STP Wellbeing, Health and Care (and Clinical) Strategy by the summer of 2019.

Although there are strategies within each health and care system, there are a number of similarities between the health, care and wellbeing needs of our three populations. For example, although there are higher than average health outcomes for people, there are communities where this isn't the case. The STP area as a whole serves a higher than average elderly population and is looking at population growth in some locations where there are plans to increase housing and improve infrastructure such as roads and railways.

By developing an STP-wide strategy, leaders will be better able to work effectively to address these challenges in a more efficient and effective way – making best use of the public funds invested across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West.

Keeping to the principles of working at the most local level, wherever possible, the strategy will identify what elements should be led at local, place, STP and regional level; and what the role of the STP should be on each issue.

The first stage of work is underway to ensure all parts of the STP have a common and shared understanding of the range of strategies in place to identify strengths, weaknesses, gaps and priorities. It will also see the development of an engagement plan, which will be delivered in the spring and will set out how much engagement takes place at neighbourhood, health and care system, STP level.

## National Development Programme Update

We reported in October that NHS England had 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 have been supported by experts from PWC/Optum, working with Tim Beasley who is the STP's Head of STP (ICS) Development.

Together their focus has been on areas that will further improve integrated working with and across the three health and care systems within the STP.

Most recently system leaders and CCG Clinical Chairs met to explore what the future of commissioning may look like by sharing perspectives from their commissioning work and those of NHS England colleagues. They were joined in their discussion by regional and area experts, such as Janet Meek, NHS England South Regional Director of Specialised Commissioning and Olivia Falgayrac-Jones, NHS England's Director of Direct Commissioning for Hampshire and Thames Valley. It was agreed that Lou Patten (Accountable Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire CCGs) and James Drury would take forward work to scope out next steps in the development of a STP strategic approach.