



## INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

### 1. Background

- 1.1. The approach to creating an Integrated Care System (ICS) for Kent and Medway was to establish a single commissioning group, four Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) and forty two Primary Care Networks.
- 1.2. The ICPs have been in development over the past twelve months and are based around the population of East Kent, West Kent, Dartford Gravesham and Swanley and Medway. ICPs aim to bring together all provider health organisations to work together to deliver care for their local communities.

### 2. Key Points

- 2.1. Naturally, in recent months each of the four ICP's progression have all been impacted by Covid19. However, through each of their shadow boards they are now seeking to plan the next stages to address the pandemic and their steps towards developing as an alliance. All ICPs have Primary Care Networks as members of their Board.
- 2.2. Other parts of the ICS have also been developing. The Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was created during April 2020 from a merger of eight smaller CCGs. Primary Care Networks have also been reacting at pace to the changes required of them during the pandemic.
- 2.3. Each NHS provider has begun to set out its approach to their reset plans and these have been shared initially with each other and the CCG and this month with the ICP's. ICP's are therefore currently considering common themes, positive changes to look following the response to the pandemic and opportunities for further collaborative working. Some of the key themes to date include ways of engaging patients in redesigning services, sustaining new pathways of care, opportunities for new digital ways of working at scale and a focus on addressing inequalities.
- 2.4. Resetting of ICP relationships across the system will also need to take into account the approach of other partner organisations integral to improving health and wellbeing outcomes. For example, Kent County Council and Local Authorities will all be considering the impact of Covid19 and the challenges and opportunities of the 'new normal'.
- 2.5. The pace of the future development of ICP's will need to be mindful of the formal authorisation of Kent and Medway ICS by NHS England which had been scheduled pre Covid19 for September of this year.

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