



## STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING IN COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE

Currently, the NHS funding regime supports a competitive environment between commissioners and providers which sometimes results in partner organisations not always working as closely as they could.

We need services to work together more closely to enable the best outcomes for patients and this will mean changes to the way services are contracted and paid for.

In the future the three CCGs in Coventry and Warwickshire will work more closely together and develop a Strategic Commissioning function.

This should lead to commissioners to take a more outcomes-based approach that moves us away from commissioning volume and activity to commissioning improved outcomes for defined groups of people or populations, as well as focusing on health inequalities within the population. This approach will be heavily underpinned by engagement with the populations to understand what outcomes matter most and are meaningful to them.

A key priority on our journey to become an Integrated Care System (ICS) is the development of a Strategic Commissioning function in Coventry and Warwickshire. Since August, the three CCGs' Governing Bodies and management teams, with the support of the provider alliance, have been working towards this and are making good progress.

During 2019/20, the Strategic Commissioning function will work closely with the Place Forum (Coventry and Warwickshire's joint Health and Wellbeing Board) to develop the system strategy which will then inform the commissioning strategy.

To date the CCGs have already demonstrated success operating as Strategic Commissioners through the Out of Hospital and Rise (children and young people) contracts.



We're delighted to announce former King's Fund Chief Executive, Professor Sir Chris Ham, has been appointed as Independent Chair for Better Health, Better Care, Better Value.

**Professor Andy Hardy, Chief Executive Officer at UHCW NHS Trust, said:** "I'm thrilled someone of Professor Sir Chris Ham's calibre will be joining as Independent Chair.

*"Chris Ham brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Coventry and Warwickshire and will play an essential role as we look to integrate services more closely across our health and care system."*

**Professor Sir Chris Ham said:** "We all want to see strong health and care services for local people and I'm really looking forward to using my experience to support Better Health, Better Care, Better Value across Coventry and Warwickshire."

## WEBSITE LAUNCH

Better Health, Better Care, Better Value has launched new website that sets out our partnership's ambitions – to help people stay healthy for longer and to ensure the services we offer provide better value.

Visit [www.bettercarecovwarks.org.uk](http://www.bettercarecovwarks.org.uk) to find out how NHS organisations and local authorities in Coventry and Warwickshire are working together to put people and communities at the heart of everything we do.

We're continuing to develop the website and we'd love to hear what you think should be featured. Please take a few minutes to have a look at it and send your feedback to [info@bettercarecovwarks.org.uk](mailto:info@bettercarecovwarks.org.uk)

# PROGRAMME UPDATES



## DIGITAL HEALTH

The Digital Health programme is working to identify areas where technology can be harnessed and deployed in the current system to provide better care and deliver efficiencies.



Better Health, Better Care, Better Value has received conditional approval for a Health System Led Investment (HSLI) bid to improve the digital maturity of the four NHS provider organisations across ten projects.

These projects include remote video consultation, a single sign-on for clinical staff, electronic document management and a shared care records programme. The partners are now working through business cases for the ten projects.

## YEAR OF WELLBEING 2019

This is an opportunity to encourage people across Coventry and Warwickshire to consider how they can improve their own wellbeing, or the wellbeing of the people around them.

A group of bloggers are helping set the pace, publishing their personal wellbeing stories online. The Year will also feature work to celebrate the good work already going on, as well as support for projects to improve workplace wellbeing, physical activity for schoolchildren and reduce loneliness and social isolation.

To pledge your support and find out more visit:  
[www.yearofwellbeing.org.uk](http://www.yearofwellbeing.org.uk)

## PLANNED CARE

Coventry and Warwickshire's System Leadership Academy held their second 'Making It Happen' event on December 4, for the planned care workstream.

Over 40 people from across the system attended the event which looked focused on dermatology, ophthalmology and urology. The partners agreed a range of exciting commitments to enable better joined-up working following the workshop which we will keep you updated on.



In September, we were awarded £67,000 of elective care transformation funding by NHS England. The investment will be used to support the development of a system-wide capacity and demand model. This is currently being developed, in collaboration with partners, and it is hoped it will be implemented next year.



## CANCER FUNDING BOOST

Better Health, Better Care, Better Value has been awarded nearly £700,000 transformation funding from the West Midlands Cancer Alliance to ensure that best practice is followed with four key tumour sites (lung, colorectal, prostate and upper gastrointestinal) and for living with and beyond cancer.

This is part of £15.2m funding across the West Midlands for transforming cancer care. One of the largest programmes is the digitalisation of pathology, which has been allocated about £8m across the region including Coventry and Warwickshire. This will involve pathologists capturing digital images of slides of tissue sections, which can then be shared immediately with experts across the region. Benefits include faster diagnosis for patients and better information and collaboration for clinicians.

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