

What is an integrated care system (ICS)?

An ICS will bring together a number of NHS and non-NHS organisations so that they provide shared leadership, resources and services across a local area.



By bringing together local partners they will be able to better provide joined-up health and social care that better meet the needs of service users (SU)/ clients and local people.

Which partners will this involve?



Mental health is everyone's business

Mental health will be fundamental throughout the ICS so that everyone involved in delivering health and care can clearly express their role in supporting mental health alongside physical health and social care.

* Clinical Commissioning Groups are organisations that pay for services.

* Service user (SU) / Clients refers to all people/ patients that access health and care services

An Integrated Care System puts service users/ clients & carers at the centre, which means that:

There is a clear and shared vision with a common purpose and understanding, working together to...

Make the best use of all the expertise, staff, resources and skills available.

Strengthen the resilience and mental health of the communities

Ensure everyone understands the impact health and social care issues have on mental health such as housing, employment, education and benefits.



There is a clear division of responsibility and accountability between mental health organisations and the wider partners...

All ICS partners will be committed to work together so that SU/clients have the best treatment possible in the most appropriate place.

Health and social care funding will be spent locally wherever possible including continuous training in mental health, across community partners to ensure there are alternative routes to improving people's mental health as well as new models of mental health care.

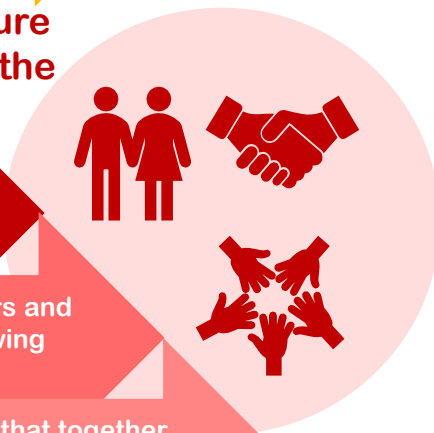


The system has an open approach to ensure that people have choice and control over the way their care is delivered....

When SU/clients initially seek care they will feel valued and supported. They will be able to care for themselves in the way that suits them best whether this is face to face or through user-friendly digital technology.

SUs/clients and local people will be seen as equal partners and encouraged to support each other, working towards growing peer support, community champions and link workers.

Clinicians and SU /clients will have an open discussion so that together they can change and adapt their care plan so that it best meets their needs.



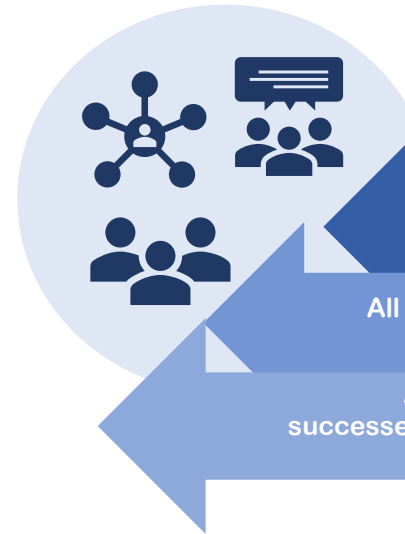
There is a strong collaborative leadership where mental health is everyone's business...

ICS partners will work with people in their neighbourhoods to join up services and improve wellbeing.

GP, community partners and local providers will work with SU/clients so that they have choice and control over the way that care is planned and delivered

All health and social care partners will work together to support the social, physical and mental health of local people.

All partners will work closer together to improve services, share successes/ challenges and work towards standardised pathways of care which reflects the mental health vision.



Health and care services are driven by population mental and physical health needs....

Commissioning will be responsive to population health needs and the outcomes of health and social care.

All partners that deliver health and social care will regularly talk to SU/ carers and community members to better understand how to provide care that meets their needs.



All partners are actively involved in developing the ICS....

Care will be locally delivered, managed and planned.

ICS partners will increase joint decision making with public services to combine our resources in local areas.

ICS partners will work together to achieve financial balance through a rigorous approach to investment in transformation in order to develop efficient, effective high quality services.

