



Our Integrated Care System

Our Conversations

Northamptonshire
Health and Care Partnership

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Keeping you informed as we progress on
Northamptonshire's ICS journey

Introduction and background

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In April 2021, Northamptonshire was designated by the NHS as an Integrated Care System (ICS).

We are one of 42 ICS areas to be created across England, and now government legislation is in progress to give all of these Integrated Care Systems statutory status, most likely by April 2022.

This will formally set out the powers and responsibilities of ICSs to support their populations to live healthy lives and get the care and support they need, when they need it.

What does this mean for health and care in Northamptonshire?

Here in Northamptonshire, ICS status will allow us to formalise some of the existing joint working arrangements we have successfully developed through NHCP, involving many partners.

It will enable us to simplify the way we work together and improve our ability to make decisions together in the same place.



This [short animation](#) from NHS England and NHS Improvement explains more about Integrated Care Systems.



With a **shared ambition** to help our communities thrive, we achieve the **best for everyone.**



- Aligning action between partners to achieve shared purpose of:
 - Improving outcomes for local people and patients
 - Tackling health inequalities
 - Making best use of health and care resources
 - Strengthening contribution to local communities
- Building on NHS Long Term Plan priorities
- Building on experiences of system working during Covid response
- Moving to greater collaboration (not competition) within the NHS
- Closer integration between the NHS and local government



What is Integrated care?

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Integrated care is about giving people the support they need, joined up across the NHS, local councils, voluntary and community organisations and other partners.

It is about removing any barriers or gaps that exist between different parts of health and care – for example, between hospitals and GP practices, between physical and mental health, or between the NHS and council services.

In the past, these barriers and gaps have resulted in too many people experiencing disjointed care.

Naomi Eisenstadt, Independent Chair of NHCP and Chair Designate of Northamptonshire NHS Integrated Care Board, explains more about our Integrated Care journey in a series of video blogs.

Naomi's 'View from the Chair' updates can be found online at northamptonshirehcp.co.uk/naomis-vlog

Update 1 – July 2021

- An introduction to the Integrated Care System (ICS)
- How our ICS will build on the successful partnership work that's already happening in Northamptonshire
- Latest progress with government legislation on Integrated Care Systems and what this means
- What the changes will mean for health and care staff, as well as the people of Northamptonshire
- What we are doing now to get ready for the move to ICS

Update 2 – September 2021

- Naomi's appointment as Integrated Care Board Chair Designate
- The role of the Integrated Care Board and Integrated Care Partnership within the ICS



Where are we now?

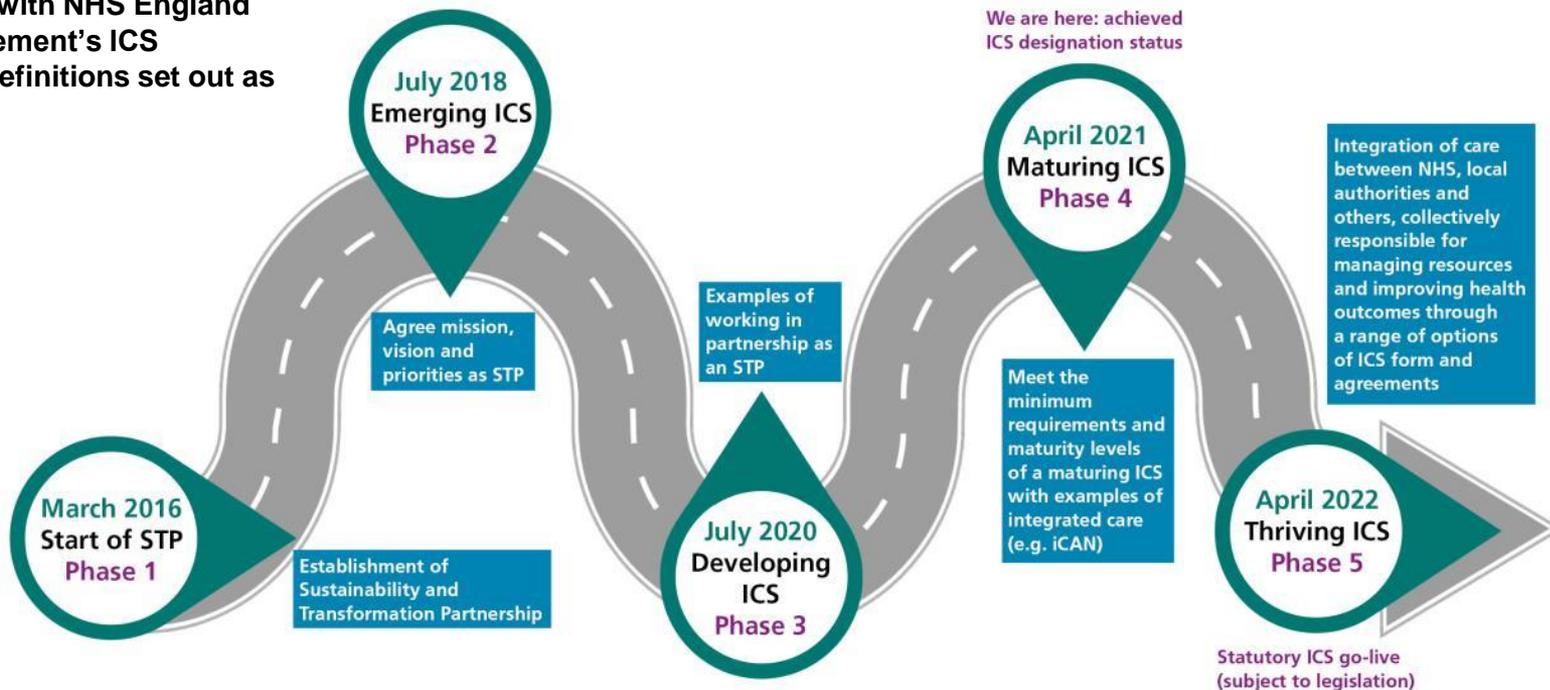
Our Integrated Care System plans are not starting with a blank page. This is a journey we have been on for some time already.

2016	2019	2020	February 2021	March 2021	May 2021
Local councils, NHS organisations and other partners came together in every area of England to form Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs), setting out proposals to improve local health and care. In Northamptonshire we have been working to develop and deliver these proposals ever since through Northamptonshire Health and Care Partnership.	The NHS Long Term Plan confirmed that every part of England would be served by an Integrated Care System from April 2021. This was described as “the biggest national move to integrated care of any major western country”.	The COVID-19 pandemic presented local health and care services with some of their biggest challenges of the past 70 years, and showed that no individual organisations could tackle these challenges alone. In Northamptonshire, our local services responded by making changes in the space of days and weeks that were previously debated for months or years.	Following feedback on an engagement paper, NHS England and NHS Improvement asked the Government and Parliament to establish ICSs in law and remove legal barriers to integrated care for patients and communities.	Northamptonshire is confirmed as an Integrated Care System by NHS England and NHS Improvement.	We launch ‘Our Integrated Care System, Our Conversations’ to keep health and care colleagues updated on our emerging plans for our future as an ICS and ways to get involved.

Our ICS road map

This road map highlights Northamptonshire's Integrated Care System journey, with NHS England and NHS Improvement's ICS maturity matrix definitions set out as key milestones.

Our goal is to establish Northamptonshire as a 'thriving ICS' by April 2022, which, subject to legislation, is the point when Integrated Care Systems are expected to become established in law.



What does this mean for us locally?

- Continuation of NHCP journey over recent years
- NHCP formally recognised as ICS by NHSEI from April 2021
- Unique opportunities within the county include:
 - Creation of two new unitary councils
 - Acute hospital group model
 - NHFT collaborative experience
 - Primary Care Networks
 - Local education, training and research sectors



KEY POINT

We already have strong partnership which helps us support to seize this opportunity and really change the way that health and care is planned and delivered in Northamptonshire



- ✓ A single 'Outcomes Framework' and Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) for the County
- ✓ Empowering clinical teams through collaboration on:
 - Mental health
 - Elective care
 - iCAN
 - Children and young people
- ✓ A focus on key enablers (people, digital, communications, estates, population health management)
- ✓ Delivery tailored locally in our two unitary area places, and at locality team / Primary Care Network level



KEY POINT

An Outcomes Framework is about collectively focusing on the data driven population health outcomes that will truly impact the health and wellbeing of people in our county

Our building blocks



Our areas of focus

Combined leadership for health and care system

Integrated Care System



Collaboratives
System-wide service redesign, transformation and delivery (Lead Provider/Alliance)

System-wide



Oversee **place-based** joint commissioning and delivery

Place

North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Place

West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Neighbourhood (sub-place) arrangements will be needed, as a basis of effective integration and tailoring of services to local needs. Delivery and business is done at this level.



The structure: Moving Northamptonshire ICS to a statutory footing

CCGs will be disestablished and new bodies created from April 2022



A new ICS Partnership

Jointly convened by local government and the NHS as a broad alliance of organisations and representatives to:

- Set the ambition and purpose in terms of outcomes and priorities
- Develop an overarching Integrated Care Strategy



NHS Integrated Care Board

To bind partner organisations together (commissioner and providers) to:

- Plan to meet population health needs
- Allocate NHS resources
- Ensure delivery and quality of services

Development of full ICS functions will continue to evolve during 2022/23

What really matters...

- Governance and organisational form at best 'enable', so this is fundamentally about changing clinical practice and behaviour:
 - Common purpose and values
 - Empowering clinical and professional teams to drive improvement
 - Aligning resources to priorities
 - Creating flexible roles, teams and settings
 - Building trusting relationships and behaviours
 - Doing the right thing for patients, our population and taxpayers
- Supporting and developing our people critical to all of the above!



Next steps for Northamptonshire ICS delivery

Our journey to April 2022

Northamptonshire ICS programme workstreams

We have set up workstreams to support us on our journey to April 2022.



Ensure programme is delivered to required quality and timescales.

9. Programme Management Office

Northamptonshire ICS programme milestones

