STP summary paper

Sustainability and transformation plans are five year plans detailing how local areas will work together to modernise health and care and achieve financial balance by 2020. In March 2016, England was divided into 44 geographic ‘footprints’ to create plans based on the local health needs. These plans were submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement in October 2016 and have since all been published. The plans are still in development and areas will simultaneously start to implement the sections of the plan furthest ahead whilst continuing to work on other sections.

NHS England’s ‘Next steps for the Five Year Forward View’, published in April 2017, changes the language around STPs – referring to them as Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships.

This summary gives an overview of the key points in your STP based on the plans submitted in October 2016. It is not exhaustive and there will have been developments since this point. The level of detail in the summary is reflective of the level of detail within the plan. It does not reflect the BMA position in any way. To stay up to date with what is going on and to read the BMA’s analysis of the plans, please see our website: www.bma.org.uk/stp

If you would like to send comments on the STP process nationally then please email Holly Higgs (hhiggs@bma.org.uk).
8. Cheshire and Merseyside

**Population:** 2.6 million


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**Priorities are:**

1. Improve the health of the Cheshire and Merseyside (C&M) population.
   - Promoting physical and mental wellbeing
   - Improving the provision of physical and mental care in the community
2. Improve the quality of care in hospital settings.
   - Reducing the variation of care
   - Delivering the right level of care in the most appropriate setting
   - Enhancing delivery of mental health care
3. Optimise direct patient care.
   - Reduced administrative costs
   - Effective clinical support services

**Key points:**

- The STP is working across three LDSs (Local Delivery Systems) – North Mersey, the Alliance and Cheshire & Wirral. There is a page setting out at what level responsibility sits (eg there are no budgets or quality standards held at STP level).
- The plan is high level without many concrete proposals. It is clear that there is yet to be a STP-wide review of clinical services; acute care will be the first step.
- There is an understanding that these changes shouldn’t happen overnight.
- The plan has a “portfolio structure” that brings together 20 distinct, but interrelated programmes of work, including eight clinical programmes looking at the way care is delivered and five programmes to support and enable the plan.
- The public health focus is on reducing alcohol abuse, blood pressure and antimicrobial resistance.
- The plan discusses working on creating a framework for the development and implementation of an ACO, although the structure has not yet been decided.

**North Mersey**

- Build on the plans already put forward in [Healthy Liverpool](http://www.liverpooltalkshealth.info/), including a merger of Royal Hospital and Aintree and a “major service review” at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust.

**The Alliance**

- A vision for hospital reconfiguration has been developed, and locality has started to develop a range of options. A plan for the assessment and design of these services was to be completed in December 2016.
Cheshire and Wirral

- Short term plan to rapidly address variation and reconfigure hospital services across Cheshire and Wirral, including confirming future configuration of women’s and children’s services. Caring Together is looking at financial modelling for two care model options. Options for the future of high risk general surgery are currently under review. A final decision is expected in early 2017.

Engagement:

- Contact: mlcsu.cmstp@nhs.net
- The review of hospital reconfiguration across the STP was intended to be ready for the next stage of consultation by March 2017.
- The Liverpool Mayor spoke out against the STP and it was rejected by the Council and Board for a lack of appropriate consultation and failing to address the key issues facing residents. Angela Eagle MP has also spoken out against the plan.

Finances:

Financial gap by 2020/21

- Combined health and social care: £908 million

After the LDS plans were modelled the STP forecasts a surplus of £49 million by 2021. However, the plans “require further analysis and challenge to convert them from sound ideas into robust plans”.

Capital funding required: £755 million

The STP recognises that these plans are heavily dependent on capital and that some schemes may not get approved for funding and their benefits will need to be reassessed. The current plan does not demonstrate delivery against the control total for both 2017/18 and 2018/19.

15 A well-established transformation programme within Eastern Cheshire, looking at improving the health and wellbeing of the population by implementing enhanced integrated community care supported by clinically and financially sustainable hospital services.