

# Black Country Integrated Care Partnership Meeting

## Monday 30 October 2023

Update for the Health and Well Being Boards in the Black Country and the NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board



## 1.0 Background and Context

A meeting of the Black Country Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) took place on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was proposed that feedback on the meeting should be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) across the Black Country so that they are sighted on the aims, ambitions and progress of the ICP, plus, importantly, how the ICP is intended to complement the ongoing activities of HWB by promoting integration from the place-level to the system-level.

## 2.0 ICP Membership

The initial membership of the ICP is:

Name	Organisation / Role
Jonathan Fellows	Chair, Black Country ICP and Chair, NHS Black Country ICB
Shokat Lal	Council Chief Executive Sandwell MBC
Kerrie Allward	Director for Adult Social Services Walsall Council
Catherine Driscoll	Director for Childrens Services Dudley MBC
John Denley	Director for Public Health City of Wolverhampton
Mark Axcell	Chief Executive NHS Black Country ICB
Sally Roberts	Chief Nurse & Deputy CEO NHS Black Country ICB
Dr Ananta Dave	Chief Medical Officer NHS Black Country ICB
Taps Mtemachani	Director of Transformation and Partnerships NHS Black Country ICB
Richard Fisher	Chief Superintendent West Midlands Police
Sam Samuels	West Midlands Fire Service
Prof Sharon Arkell	University of Wolverhampton
Sharon Nanan-Sen, Wolverhampton CVS Andy Gray, Dudley CVS Vicky Hines, Walsall CVS Mark Davis, Sandwell CVS	Community and Voluntary Sector (CO's rotating attendance)



## 3.0 ICP Responsibilities

- The ICP has a statutory duty to create an integrated care strategy to address the assessed needs, such as health and care needs of the population within the ICB's area, including determinants of health and wellbeing such as employment, environment, and housing.
- The ICB and local authorities will work together through the ICP to meet cross-cutting priorities for which they are all responsible, alongside other ICP partners.
- The ICP will support partnerships and integrated working across places, at system level, specifically looking at broad health and care experiences and outcomes that cannot be solved by one organisation or place alone.
- The ICP will complement the ongoing activities of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) by promoting integration from the place-level to the system-level. HWBs will have local and place-based insight that will be incredibly valuable to the ICP when looking at and developing a strategy to address cross-cutting, long-term health and care challenges.
- The ICP will oversee and co-ordinate work on the achievement of the priorities agreed in the Integrated Care Strategy. An initial Integrated Care Strategy was developed by partners during 2022 and launched across the system in March 2023. This contained four priority areas:
  - **Black Country people, great and skilled** – workforce recruitment, education and training
  - **Growing up in the Black Country** – children and families
  - **Black Country Cares** – social care system
  - **Feeling well in the Black Country** – mental health and emotional wellbeing
- The ICP will be responsible for determining and agreeing the resources needed to support its work plus how these will be provided.
- The ICP will use data from across the partner organisations to help identify and deliver its responsibilities.
- The ICP will work where possible through existing groups, including existing partnership arrangements such as Safeguarding or Community Safety, to deliver its responsibilities.
- The ICP will seek to identify opportunities for innovation, plus to identify and to communicate areas of achievement and good practice.

The Initial Black Country Integrated Care Strategy was launched in March 2023. It is available here: [Black Country ICP Initial Integrated Care Strategy 2023-25 V5.5.pdf \(blackcountryics.org.uk\)](#) A “plan-on-a-page” is available here: [Our priorities :: Black Country ICS](#)



## 4.0 Resourcing the ICP

The role of the ICP is coordination, rather than delivery. Having established the four priority areas in the Initial Integrated Care Strategy as set out above, the ICP needs to determine what resources are needed in order to support its work.

As a first step it was agreed that a scoping exercise would be undertaken to establish what work is already being undertaken across partners which could be developed to support delivery on the four priority areas. The potential to create a project team resource to move forward at a faster pace will be explored, although it is acknowledged that funding for such an approach could be a challenge unless existing resources can be refocused, or funding currently received for addressing health inequalities could be repurposed.

## 5.0 Future Meeting Arrangements & Agreed Actions

The ICP is planned to meet again during December to follow up on the agreed actions, which were:

- To present an initial update on the data that is currently available from all partners across the Black Country to make it more visible and to identify and understand what problems we share and how these relate back to our priority areas.
- To finalise the Terms of Reference.
- To undertake a scoping exercise on each of the four Integrated Care Strategy priorities to identify what work is already going on and how best to take these forward.
- To discuss what support the ICP will require in order to carry out its responsibilities and to propose how best to provide such support
- To report on the work undertaken by the five current Networks across Health Inequalities, Prevention and Personalisation, Migrants and Refugees, Health and Housing and Black Country Anchor Network. The reports will cover membership, frequency of meetings, funding provided, decisions taken and achievements to date.

The intention is for the ICP to then meet at least quarterly in public during 2024.

