

Our purpose

Our Vision and mission





Vision

We want everyone in Cheshire and Merseyside to have a great start in life, and get the support they need to stay healthy and live longer.



Mission

We will tackle health inequalities and improve the lives of the poorest fastest. We believe we can do this best by working in partnership.

Our five year aspirations



Working together as a Partnership, by 2025 we will:

- Reduce the life expectancy gap in the most deprived communities, in children and those with mental health conditions and ensure people live extra years in good health.
- Improve early diagnosis, treatment and outcome rates for cancer
- Reduce deaths from stroke, suicide and domestic abuse
- Reduce hospital admissions for alcohol
- Improve waiting times for children and adult mental health services
- Secure value for money, and achieve financial balance across the ICS
- We will give priority to making greater resources available to prevention and well-being services.

Principles



Partnership is key and our approach will be to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Cheshire and Merseyside by ensuring there is high quality, joined up care as close to home as possible. 'Place' – the nine local areas in our system are the key to our aspirations and the primacy of Place and local delivery is absolute.

Each of our nine Places will provide an integrated local system to deliver on their local plans, and support work across Cheshire and Merseyside. Our NHS providers will work collaboratively and, through mutual aid, support joined up care focusing on equal access for our most deprived communities. We will draw on the expertise and resources available in our voluntary sector and the support of our local politicians, local authorities, businesses, schools and other key partners is essential if we are to secure the essential economic growth needed for improvements in health and wellbeing. Achieving our ambitions will be much harder because of the impact of Covid-19, but it has shown that we achieve great things by working together and our learning from it will positively impact on our ability to serve our communities, especially our most vulnerable residents.

As an ICS, the Partnership will have a key role in:



- Providing system stewardship to ensure the nine Places and the rest of the partnership work together to achieve our aspirations. As regulatory responsibilities transfer from NHSE/I we will ensure we are able to participate with system partners in system level assurance
- Ensuring our arrangements as an ICS are inclusive with parity between public/professional, commissioners/providers, statutory and non-statutory partners
- Overseeing the delivery of NHS standards and improving the health outcomes of the population
- Supporting and deepening relationships between system partners in C&M, acting, if and when necessary, as an "honest broker"
- Engaging the public, staff and other stakeholders, at the C&M footprint level, to identify common and persistent health and well-being challenges and co-produce solutions to address them. Ensuring there is a robust approach for stakeholders to hold the ICS to account
- Developing system-wide clinical approaches, enabled by well-populated, high-performing clinical/professional networks that tackle key issues
- Working closely with academic partners to ensure our programmes are underpinned by the latest evidence and evaluated rigorously
- Facilitating and incentivising system working approaches (at ICS footprint, Place and neighbourhood) through learning, communications and development.