



Update on integration of health and care in Sefton

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Developments in Sefton are continuing at pace as progress towards integrating health and care services is gathering momentum, with the [Health and Care Bill passing through parliament](#) and Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership outlining its vision and strategy.

Partners in Sefton including Sefton Council, the NHS in Sefton, voluntary, community and faith (VCF) groups and other local organisations, continue to work closely to further develop their partnership to ensure it can continue to support care focused on the people of the Borough.

Deborah Butcher, Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health at Sefton Council and Place Lead for the development of the partnership in Sefton, said:

“A recent independent review of readiness of Place based arrangements across Cheshire and Merseyside, highlighted several key strengths in place and in development for Sefton. Leaders across Sefton are working together to shape our new partnership, make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of Sefton residents. We anticipate that the Integrated Partnership will run in shadow form from January.”

Fiona Taylor, Chief Officer at NHS South Sefton and NHS Southport and Formby CCGs adds:

“Our key areas of focus for how we will manage the health of Sefton residents have been agreed. There’s a strong focus on preventing poor health through early interventions covering our different stages of life, aligned with the Sefton Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Sefton2gether plan. One of our key priority areas is mental health and a joint review of services is currently underway with a wide range of partners.”

Sefton’s review of mental health services is linked to the broader aims of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership to improve mental wellbeing. The partnership has outlined its [strategy](#) for how the health and care needs of the region will be delivered in the future. The vision is for everyone in Cheshire and Merseyside to have a great start in life, and get the support they need to stay healthy and live longer. This can be achieved by working together, as equal partners, to tackle health inequalities and improve the lives of the poorest fastest.

There have been subtle changes to terminology in the Health and Social Care Bill. The Integrated Care System is the whole of the proposed regional structures. The two parts of the regional body; the ICS NHS Body and ICS Health & Care Partnership, are now called the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) respectively. The local ‘place-based’ arrangements are no longer termed integrated care partnerships (ICPs), instead they are place based partnerships.





Functions of each part remain as set out in the [Design Framework](#) in June.

<add name>, from <add organisation>, said: “As partners in the Sefton’s place based arrangements, it’s great to see this work progressing and we are beginning to see a clearer picture of the important role <add organisation> and all of us as individuals can have in how we shape the health of those who live in Sefton.”

Further updates on these developments and on future arrangements will follow, as they emerge.