

Place Based Leadership for Health and Wellbeing in the West Midlands – a development network

Introduction

We all want to improve the wellbeing of our communities. We can achieve more if we work together in a strong collaboration to build in prevention and early help if we engage people in their own wellbeing, re-engineer the services we provide to meet their needs at the right time. By doing this we can make real progress towards an integrated care and health system. We all have key responsibilities to our respective organisations but we also have a responsibility to the people we serve to collaborate and lead the wider “place” challenges that underpin personal and community wellbeing.

West Midlands Health and Wellbeing Board chairs and lead members and trust chairs and NEDs are critical leaders in our system. None of this is easy and no-one holds a blueprint for effective place-based leadership. What is needed will also vary according to local challenges. What is important is for us to be able to work together in developing our approaches to this wider system-leadership, to build constructive partnerships and alliances and to learn together as go. Representing the Local Government Association, we are jointly sponsoring this development network with NHS England and NHS Improvement; for our region to foster greater understanding and develop relationships between political and NHS leaders across our system. We aim to strengthen and promote place based leadership so we can deliver the best we can for our communities. We hope you will join our future programme of meetings and help us develop this aim.



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Why have this network?

NHS England, with support from the LGA, held a facilitated session for STP Leads and HWB chairs in August 2017 and those who attended found it valuable to begin to come together as strategic leaders in local government and health and explore each other's perspective. It was suggested that a continuing network would be beneficial.

The network will be an opportunity for political and non-executive leaders to:

- Navigate the complex care and health system and influence future direction
- Have time away from day-to-day pressures to support our strategic thinking
- Practically explore how to align local place based strategies and the national agenda
- Share views and develop thinking on the significance of “place” and how we use it to best effect at community, council, sub-regional and regional level
- Problem solve through facilitated discussion

- Informally network with other place based leaders in the care and health system
- Collectively share learning and showcase success in places
- Make the best of the regional support which is available to support our local systems and sub-regional systems.

This network will complement the existing structures we have in place in the West Midlands to promote collaboration across the care and health system, such as the WMCA Wellbeing Board, West Midlands STP Executive and the Executive Leaders Forum.

Network dates

Given the importance we attach to this we are making a commitment to a programme of 4 sessions over the 2018 calendar year. We aim to balance input from the best of national speakers and facilitators with the opportunity to develop our own thinking and relationships.

The venue will be IET Birmingham: Austin Court, 80 Cambridge St, Birmingham B1 2NP

Programme commences at 9.30 and concludes with lunch at 12.30 and networking.

26 January 2018	Place Based Leadership
18 May 2018	Integration Care Models
14 September 2018	Prevention
14 December 2018	Accountable Care – learning to date

Please confirm your attendance to the following email england.WMChairs@nhs.net

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