

STP – Sustainability and Transformation Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the STP?

The Sustainability and Transformation Plan is a national initiative with the aim of bringing local NHS and Council organisations together to ultimately improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

Why has this been created?

There is a need to make changes to how we live, how patients access care and how care is delivered. The organisations will be doing more preventative work to prevent us from getting ill and also finding new ways to meet people's needs.

There is also a rising demand for health and social care services and the organisations need to transform the way the services are delivered for the future.

- Improve quality of **services**
- Improve population **health**
- Make the **best use of the resources** we have including estates, workforce and finance.

Is there an STP for this area?

Locally, there is a Black Country STP and a Birmingham and Solihull STP Partners. This is a list of all the local organisations under each individual STP footprint.

| Black Country STP Partners | Birmingham and Solihull STP Partners |
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| Wolverhampton City Council | Birmingham Cross City CCG |
| Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust | Birmingham South Central CCG |
| Wolverhampton CCG | Birmingham City Council |
| Walsall MBC | Solihull MBC |
| Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust | Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospitals |
| Walsall CCG | University Hospitals Birmingham Trust |
| Dudley MBC | Heart of England Foundation Trust |
| Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust | Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust |
| Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership | Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust |
| Dudley CCG | Forward Thinking Birmingham |
| Sandwell MBC | West Midlands Ambulance Service |
| Birmingham City Council | NHS England |
| Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals Trust | |
| Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust | Associate: Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG |
| Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust | |
| West Midlands Ambulance Service | |
| Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG | |
| NHS England | |

Will each STP footprint area have a lead and a budget?

Yes, each area will have a lead that will be responsible for chairing the meetings, allocated their own budget and be accountable for spending this budget.

Will the footprints replace other local NHS governance structures?

No – the local, statutory architecture for health and care remains, as do the existing accountabilities for Chief Executives of provider organisations and Accountable Officers of CCGs. This is about ensuring that organisations are able to work together at scale and across communities to plan for the needs of their population, and help deliver the Five Year Forward View – improving the quality of care, health, and NHS efficiency by 2020/21. Organisations are still accountable for their individual organisational plans, which should form part of the first year of their footprint's STP.

Will the organisations work together on everything to do with health and social care?

Each STP will have priority areas that all organisations involved will work on. Locally the Black Country STP will focus on urgent care, mental health and learning disabilities and maternity services.

Does this mean that the organisations will merge?

The STPs are not statutory organisations. They are a decision-making forum, and a way to bring people and organisations together to develop a priorities, agree a plan for better health and care in each area.

How are you going to involve local people?

Work has already started to communicate and involve local people and on any changes. As work progresses on each STP, these will also be communicated and people invited to local events to have their say.