

NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS Stafford and Surrounds Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Group

Your views on our journey...

...towards becoming a single Strategic Commissioning Organisation



Who we are

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are groups of GPs who come together to form a membership. Along with Lay Members they are clinically led decision making bodies who are responsible for designing and buying local health and care services. Six CCGs do this for the 1.1 million people who live across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

The need to come together

We need to keep ahead of the growing and changing needs of the people living in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. This means we need to be much better at how we plan, buy and deliver health and care for you.

There are many benefits of coming together as shown in the diagram opposite. The NHS Long Term Plan which was published earlier this year is all about working together effectively, with no barriers. Coming together is one way we can start to do this in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, to deliver our health and care services more efficiently.

Our **six Governing Bodies** have asked for assurance on **how we protect**:

- **Clinical leadership** – one vision of integrated care that is led by doctors and nurses, and breaks down barriers in the interests of patients
- **Local control** – looking at how we make decisions for each area, so that everyone living here will benefit

- **Local needs** – staying focused on what's important locally, from patient experience to service development shaped by strong, local patient voices
- **Money** – removing duplication and working efficiently by consolidating the buildings used to deliver services, focussing on what really matters to local patients, and becoming more intelligent buyers of local health services
- **Integrated care** – supporting local health, social care and voluntary organisations to work together to remove barriers in delivering quality care. As six CCGs or as a single CCG, they would work towards delivering the Together We're Better partnership's vision:

“Working with you to make Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent the healthiest places to live and work”.

To commissioners

- Focus on outcomes by strengthening our Divisions and giving delegated responsibility for local decision making to Divisional Committees
- Quicker and simpler decision making
- Better relationships with providers
- Higher quality strategy
- More efficiencies which can reduce costs and our deficit.



To providers

- More control over services and money
- Quicker and simpler decision making
- More control of design of services and also about working more closely together as a system.

To the system as a whole

- A focus on preventing ill-health, social prescribing*, self-care
- The chance to re-design services
- The chance to focus resources on primary care
- A single set of shared priorities
- Better relationships.

To GPs

- The chance to design and deliver local services
- More control over how money is spent locally

To patients

- Better services and better outcomes
- More joined-up services
- Services tailored to local needs
- More information and support to help self-care

***Sometimes referred to as community referral, social prescribing is where GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals can refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services.**

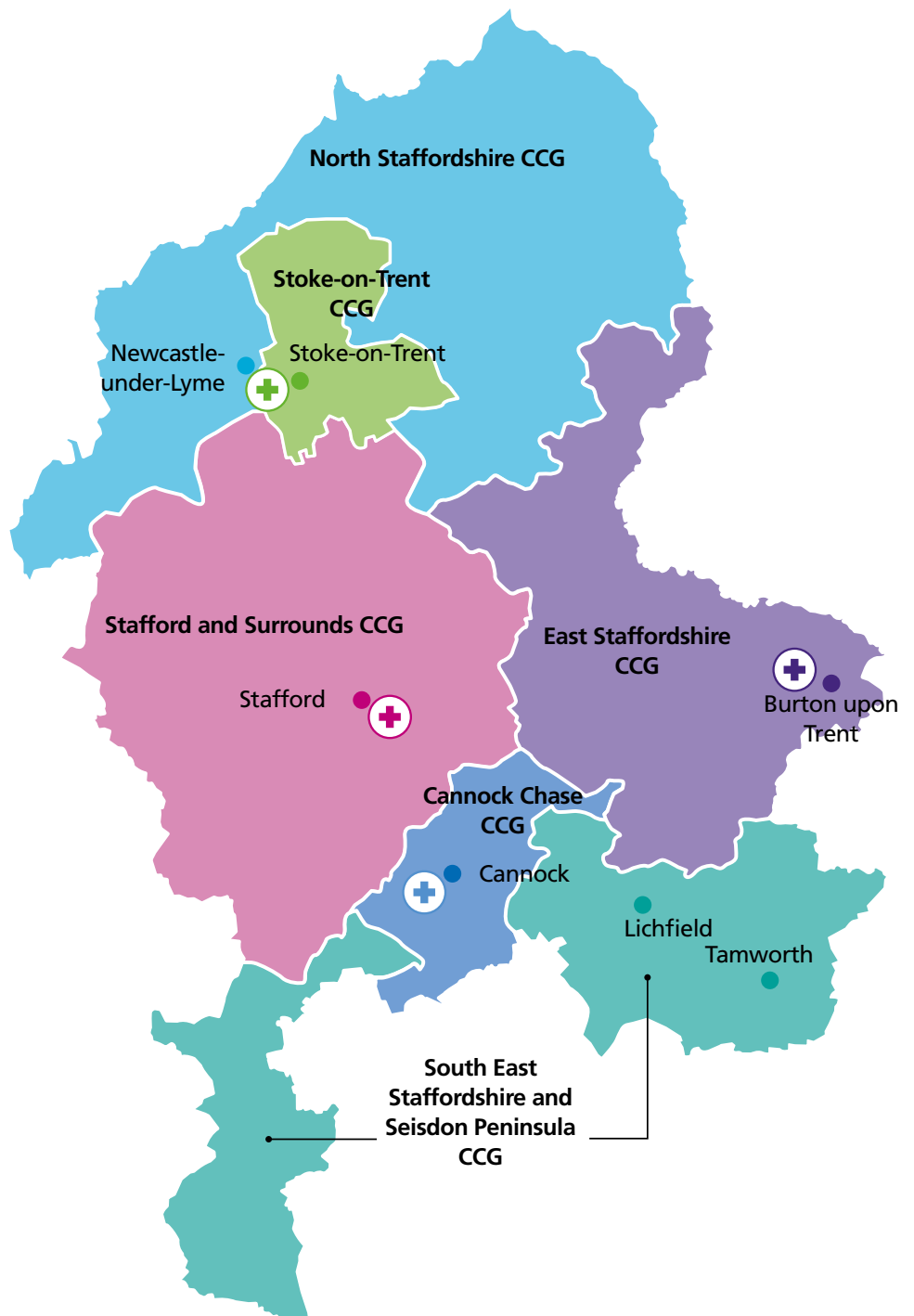
What we are proposing

Health services in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are currently split into six geographical areas, and led by six separate local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

The six CCGs have been working more closely together over recent years, and now have a single leadership team and staffing structure. This means where possible, we do things once and not six times. But we continue to be mindful of the different needs of the smaller local areas. We also hold our Governing Body meetings 'in common' so that any strategic decisions that affect the whole population can be made quickly and consistently.

In December 2018, we applied to NHS England, telling them we would like to explore the development of a single organisation. Together we would be responsible for the decision making and buying of all health and care services from hospitals and primary care, mental health and physical health for 1.1 million people in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

We would like to speak to local people to get their views on our plans to develop a single CCG for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent from April 2020.

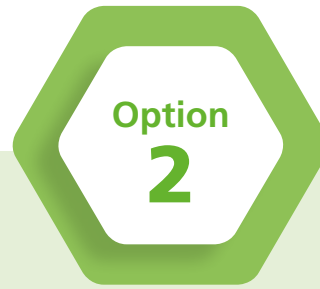




Keep the current arrangements of six separate CCGs under a single leadership team

The six CCGs stay as separate organisations, each responsible for their own statutory functions (legal obligations). The single leadership team will oversee the delivery of these, supported by meetings held jointly or 'in common'.

The CCGs will align their priorities and objectives, but each CCG keeps its own Constitution, and is responsible for its own local area. The constitutions will each need to be amended to reflect arrangements where Governing Body and members will meet jointly or 'in common' for any joint decision-making.



Develop a new, single CCG

To form a single Strategic Commissioning Organisation (sSCO) (CCG) for the county.

The single leadership team will oversee the delivery of the CCG's statutory functions (legal obligations), supported by governance (committee) meetings. A single Governing Body working to one set of statutory duties.

This model would free-up money and capacity to create efficiencies, for example across buildings, processes and IT.



How we will maintain local decision making for local people

A single CCG would be a stable arrangement. A single CCG would follow the arrangements of the Health Scrutiny and Health and Wellbeing Boards at Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council. It would allow for more effective partnership working.

Our GP members will continue to work in local networks to inform our decisions and services, based on local needs. **We have already done work to involve the six CCGs' Governing Bodies, and the 155 member GP practices.**

What happens next

Throughout the month of May, we will be formally consulting with our hospitals, voluntary / community sector representatives, local authorities (councils), Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Health and Wellbeing Boards, NHS England / NHS Improvement, local Patient Participation Groups, the general public and CCG staff.

Feedback gathered from the consultation will be collated and reported back to the CCGs, by NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit, between 9 and 17 June. A decision will then be made by the CCGs' Governing Bodies on 27 June 2019.

As we progress with our involvement, we expect to identify issues, concerns or developments that are important to our GP practices, stakeholders and local people. We will keep working on these throughout.

If you would like to know more about our proposals, please visit your local CCG's website or call **01782 298 002**.

The consultation begins on **Thursday 9 May 2019** and runs until **midnight on Sunday 9 June 2019**.

There are many ways to share your views with us:

- Complete the feedback form on your local CCG's website or complete the paper survey at the end of this booklet.
- Email us at mlcsu.involvement@nhs.net
- Call us on **01782 298 002**
- Attend one of our public meetings:
 - **22 May**, North Staffordshire Medical Institute, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7NY
 - **23 May**, The George Hotel, Lichfield, WS13 6PR
 - **28 May**, St. Edwards Academy, Leek, ST13 8DN
 - **29 May**, Entrust, Stafford, ST16 3TH
 - **4 June**, Aquarius Ballroom, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 1BT
 - **5 June**, Pirelli Stadium, Burton, DE13 0BH
- **Arrival from 6.30pm**; event **opens 7pm** and closes 8pm. To book a place visit your local CCG's website, email mlcsu.involvement@nhs.net or call us on **01782 298 002** to book a place
- Write to us at PO Box 12345, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 1TS

We will also be sharing information about the consultation through our Twitter [@StaffsCCGs](https://twitter.com/StaffsCCGs) and Facebook [@StaffsCCGs](https://www.facebook.com/StaffsCCGs).

Visit your local CCG's website

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Introduction and Data Protection statement

For your feedback to be included you must tick to confirm you have read and agree with the following Data Protection statement, and consent to your responses being used as part of this consultation.

Your views and opinions on the consultation on proposals to create a Strategic Commissioning Organisation across Staffordshire have been requested by the following NHS organisations:

- NHS North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Stafford and Surrounds Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group.

These organisations commission and provide health care services across Staffordshire.

NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) have been commissioned by the six Staffordshire CCGs listed above, to collect, handle, process and report on the responses gathered in the consultation. MLCSU uses a survey tool called Snap which is owned by Snap Surveys Ltd, an organisation specialising in the delivery and management of surveys. Any information you provide will be added to Snap for analysis and handled in accordance with UK Data Protection Legislation.

The survey asks respondents to provide their full postcode and demographic profiling data (age, gender, ethnicity etc.). This information is used to ensure the responses are representative of the demographics of the whole local population. The postcode data will also be used to undertake geodemographic segmentation using the Wellbeing ACORN tool. The data will be available in its entirety to MLCSU, and the CCGs will be in receipt of some of the responses which will then be inputted into Snap. You do not have to provide this information to take part in the survey.

Any reports published using the data collected will not contain any personal identifiable information and only show feedback in anonymous format. These anonymised results may be shared publicly, for example on NHS public-facing websites or printed and distributed.

Your involvement is voluntary, and you are free to exit the survey at any time. You can also refuse to answer questions in the survey, should you wish. All information collected via the survey will be held for a period of five years from the date of survey closure, in line with the Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care 2016, which all NHS organisations work under.

Any queries about your involvement with this survey can be emailed to: mlcsu.involvement@nhs.net

Please tick here to confirm you have read and accept the terms outlined within the Data Protection statement as above.

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Your views on our proposals

1. As explained earlier, we are considering two proposals. To what extent do you support each of these proposals?

Please give a score between 1 and 5, where 1 is very unsupportive and 5 is very supportive.

	1 is very unsupportive	2	3	4	5 is very supportive
Option 1: Keep the current arrangements of six separate CCGs under a single leadership team					
Option 2: Develop a new, single CCG					

Please tell us your views on option 1

2. What do you agree with?

3. Do you have any concerns or are there any groups or individuals you think may be negatively impacted by this option?

4. How could these negative impacts be overcome?

Please tell us your views on option 2

5. What do you agree with?

6. Do you have any concerns or are there any groups or individuals you think may be negatively impacted by this option?

7. How could these negative impacts be overcome?

8. Do you have any other suggested options that we should consider?

About you

Please provide us with your postcode: this does not mean we will be able to identify you individually. It will help us to make sure that we have gathered enough views from people in each area and we will review this during the consultation period.

Enter your postcode here

9. Are you responding as:

	A member of the public
	On behalf of an NHS organisation
	On behalf of another public sector organisation
	On behalf of another organisation
	On behalf of a patient representative organisation
	On behalf of a voluntary organisation

10. What is your ethnic group? (Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background)

	White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
	White: Irish
	White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller
	White: Any other White background <i>(please specify below)</i>
	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: White and Black Caribbean
	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: White and Black African
	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: White and Asian
	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background <i>(please specify below)</i>
	Asian/Asian British: Indian
	Asian/Asian British: Pakistani
	Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi
	Asian/Asian British: Chinese
	Asian/Asian British: Any other Asian background <i>(please specify below)</i>
	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African

	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean
	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (<i>please specify below</i>)
	Other ethnic group: Arab
	Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group (<i>please specify below</i>)

11. What is your age category?

16 - 19	55 - 59
20 - 24	60 - 64
25 - 29	65 - 69
30 - 34	70 - 74
35 - 39	75 - 79
40 - 44	80 and over
45 - 49	Prefer not to say
50 - 54	

12. What is your religion?

No religion
Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
Buddhist
Hindu
Jewish
Muslim
Sikh
Any other religion (<i>please specify below</i>)

13. What is your sex?

Male	Other (<i>please specify below</i>)
Female	Prefer not to say
Intersex	

14. What is your gender identity?

Gender Reassignment: Have you gone through any part of a process or do you intend (including thoughts and actions) to bring your physical sex appearance and/or your gender role more in line with your gender identity? (This could include changing your name, your appearance and the way you dress, taking hormones or having gender confirming surgery)?

Yes	Prefer not to say
No	

15. How do you identify yourself? (e.g. non-binary, gender fluid etc.?)

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16. What is your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual (people of the opposite sex)	Bisexual (people of either sex)
Lesbian (both female)	Other (<i>please specify below</i>)
Gay (both men)	Prefer not to say

17. What is your relationship status?

Married	Separated
Civil Partnership	Widowed
Single	Other (<i>please specify below</i>)
Divorced	Prefer not to say
Lives with Partner	

The Equality Act 2010 protects women who are pregnant or have given birth within a 26 week period.

18. Are you pregnant at this time?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

19. Have you recently given birth? (within the last 26 week period)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

20. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, limited a lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, limited a little	<input type="checkbox"/>	

21. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

(The Equality Act 2010 states a person has a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a long term (12 month period or longer) or substantial adverse effects on their ability to carry out day-to-day activities).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Long-term illness
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sensory disability e.g. deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>please specify overleaf</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health need	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learning disability or difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please describe your physical disability below:

Please describe your sensory disability below:

Please describe your long-term illness below:

Other, please describe below:

22. Do you care for someone? (Tick as many as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - Care for young person(s) aged under 24 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - Care for adult(s) aged 25-49 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - Care for older person(s) aged over 50 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>	

23. Have you ever served in the armed services?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please tear out these survey pages and return to us at:

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