

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership Stakeholder Newsletter

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Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership appoints Sue Symington as Designate Integrated Care System Chair

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership is pleased to announce it has appointed Sue Symington as its Designate Integrated Care System (ICS) Chair.

Each of England's 42 Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) are required to appoint a Chair and a Chief Executive as part of the guidance issued to help embed ICSs in legislation by April 2022, subject to legislation approval.

Sue will also be appointed Designate Chair of the anticipated NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). Final appointment to the role of Chair of the ICS, ICB and ICP is dependent on the passage of the Health and Care Bill, and any potential amendments made to that Bill.

While it is not possible to pre-empt the decisions of Parliament, the Bill received a positive vote at Second Reading. This means there is a degree of confidence that the measures relating to ICSs will become law. In turn, that means the NHS locally, regionally, and nationally – alongside all partners – has a responsibility to prepare for when those measures are expected to come into effect.

Sue began her non-executive career in the NHS at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust in 2008.

She became Chair of York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (now York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) in 2015.

Her career spans the public, private and voluntary sectors, and the hallmark of her leadership at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been her focus on patients and staff. Sue is also the Senior Independent Director at the Beverley Building Society.

Richard Barker, North East and Yorkshire Regional Director, NHS England and NHS Improvement, said: "We are extremely pleased to appoint Sue as our first ICS Chair in Humber, Coast and Vale. The role of ICS Chair is an extremely important one as our Integrated Care Systems move towards legislative standing as part of the changes outlined on the Health and Care Bill."

Angela Schofield, Chair, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, who chaired the ICS Chair recruitment panel, said: "Given her wide range of experience in the NHS which spans more than 13 years, I'm sure that Sue will be hugely successful as ICS Chair, playing a pivotal role as the Partnership builds on the great progress made over the last five years to further develop the health and care systems to improve the health and care of our people in Humber, Coast and Vale."



Partnership news

Sue Symington
Designate ICS Chair
Humber, Coast and Vale
Health and Care Partnership

Sue Symington said: "I am pleased and proud to be the first Chair of the Humber, Coast and Vale Integrated Care System. It is a great privilege to play a leadership role in this very important partnership, which will bring together partners from health, social care and the voluntary sector to work together for the benefit of our communities."

The HCV Partnership (ICS), as the region's Integrated Care System, has also begun the process of appointing an ICS Chief Executive.

As with the Chair, the ICS Chief Executive would become Chief Executive of the HCV Partnership (ICS) NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) should the proposed ICS legislation be passed into law.

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Humber, Coast and Vale becomes first Integrated Care System to sign up to new levelling up framework



Partnership news

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership has become the first Integrated Care System to commit to a new way of measuring levelling up.

In partnership with former Education Secretary Rt Hon Justine Greening and former Public Health Minister Rt Hon Anne Milton, the HCV Partnership (ICS) will now produce a Levelling Up Impact Report to measure its impact against the **Levelling Up Goals**.

Established with input from businesses, universities, policymakers and regulators, the Levelling Up Goals were launched earlier this year to set out clear objectives for the UK's Levelling Up challenge in the wake of Covid-19.

The Levelling Up Impact Report, initially focusing on Hull, will highlight and build upon best practice currently being shown by the HCV Partnership (ICS).

The HCV Partnership (ICS) joins a number of NHS trusts and public sector organisations measuring their social impact against the goals, as well as businesses such as BP, Cisco and Compass Group.

A long-term campaigner on social mobility and levelling up both inside and now outside of Parliament, in 2018 Justine Greening co-founded the **Social Mobility Pledge** to bring organisations together to improve social mobility. The Levelling Up Goals are the first major piece of work launched by the most committed of these organisations, the **Purpose Coalition**.

Justine Greening said: "It's really exciting to be working with an Integrated Care System to measure its impact against the Levelling Up Goals for the first time. The Levelling Up Goals give a clear architecture for purpose-led organisations, such as Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership, to measure and articulate their purpose and impact.

"Covid-19 has been proven to impact disproportionately on certain communities and has highlighted the urgent work that needs to be done to tackle inequalities. Institutions within the NHS will play a key role in tackling these inequalities and helping us to not only recover from the pandemic but use it as a catalyst for change."

Partnership publishes joint report to demonstrate impact VCSE sector makes across the region

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership (Integrated Care System) and West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership have teamed up with a number of organisations to publish a **joint report** to celebrate the work of charities, social enterprises, and community organisations.

The research on the structure, dynamics, and impact of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector across the area highlights the big contribution made to the economy and the health and wellbeing of people who live here.



VCSE

The VCSE sector in Humber, Coast and Vale includes around 13,500 registered and unregistered groups, employs around 23,200 people in full-time posts, and also consists of a further 128,000 regular volunteers who give their time and energy to good causes.

Based on available data, this equates to approximately £1.1 billion per year. If taken alongside the economic value of the sector, this means the total added value of the sector is between £3.5 billion and £4.2 billion per year in Humber, Coast and Vale alone.



New community diagnostics capacity investment to boost access to care in Humber, Coast and Vale



Partnership news

People living in Humber, Coast and Vale are set to benefit from earlier diagnostic tests, provided closer to home thanks to investment in new mobile MRI and CT scanning facilities.

The Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership (Integrated Care System) has secured an £8.6million share of £350million Government funding that will support the development of new models of community diagnostic provision.

The HCV Partnership (ICS) is adopting an innovative and collaborative approach to developing and delivering diagnostic services, including the purchase of a mobile MRI and a mobile CT scanner to improve access and reduce waiting times for patients.

Over time the mobile service will be deployed flexibly across the region with potential to deliver an additional 500 CT and 500 MRI scans per month.

The investment will help to reduce waiting times and improve patient experience and access to diagnostic services and support the implementation of better pathways of care in key clinical areas including cancer, cardiac and respiratory care.

Dr Nigel Wells, HCV Partnership (ICS) Clinical Lead, said: "Our local teams have already made great progress in ramping-up scans and tests back up to pre-pandemic levels. This new investment will help us go even further, whilst also providing a more convenient model of service delivery for patients."

The increase in scanning capability will help to achieve:

- Earlier diagnoses for patients through easier, faster, and more direct access to the MRI and CT scans needed to understand patients' symptoms and direct them to the right care as soon as possible.
- A reduction in hospital visits which will help to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission.
- A contribution to the NHS' net zero ambitions by providing multiple tests at one visit, reducing the number of patient journeys and helping to cut carbon emissions and air pollution.

GPs will be able to refer patients to local services so they can access life-saving checks closer to home and be diagnosed for a range of conditions, rather than travelling to hospital. This will be more convenient for patients, more efficient and more resilient to the risk of cancelled tests in hospitals due to Covid-19.

Cancer Alliance pilots breast pain clinics to address rise in two-week wait breast cancer referrals



Cancer

Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance is working with partners to pilot primary care breast pain clinics, following an increase in two-week wait referrals for suspected breast cancer.

Whilst the increase in referrals is helping to support our ambition of catching more cancers early, a significant number of referrals are for breast pain alone.

Although breast pain on its own is not a symptom of breast cancer, GPs often refer these patients on a two-week wait pathway to help provide reassurance and rule out cancer quickly.

This is putting additional pressure on hospital trusts that are already working hard to diagnose or rule out cancer for patients.

The introduction of breast pain clinics in the areas served by York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust will help to decrease the number of patients on a two-week wait pathway, prevent unnecessary testing and improve waiting times.

Any patients found to have other symptoms which may indicate cancer will be fast-tracked for assessment in secondary care.





Keep up to date with HCV Partnership news

Keep up to date with the latest developments across the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership. Our [website](#) features our latest news and information, and we publish a new [blog](#) every week which looks at a specific area of work. You can also follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Health and care partners provide further emotional wellbeing support to vulnerable children and young people



Mental health

Children and young people with complex needs across Humber, Coast and Vale will benefit from enhanced services following the successful award of funding to provide additional services for children and young people with high risk and high vulnerability.

The [Youth Justice Framework for Integrated Care](#) aims to build trauma-informed care and an evidence-based, whole system approach to providing integrated support for some of the most vulnerable children and young people aged up to 18.

The long-term aim is to create change, by helping more young people lead a full life, away from the criminal justice system they may otherwise find themselves in.

The expression of interest involved partners from across Humber, Coast and Vale working together to develop a detailed plan to enhance the provision of services. Commencing early next year, this group will continue to mobilise and oversee this project over the next three years.

Michele Moran, Senior Responsible Officer, Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership's Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Collaborative Programme, said: "It is excellent to see such an important piece of work being supported by NHS England and NHS Improvement. We are looking forward to working together to provide additional support, which will positively impact many vulnerable young people living in our communities."

Funding secured for green social prescribing 'test and learn' sites

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership (Integrated Care System) has secured £150,000 funding to develop 'test and learn' sites for green social prescribing.

The aim of the sites is to embed green social prescribing into communities to: improve mental health outcomes, reduce health inequalities, reduce demand on health and care services and help to make green social activities more accessible and resilient.

There are three types of grant available: a [Seed grant](#); a [Blossom grant](#); and a [Pollinator grant](#).

The projects must be located in or serve communities in Humber, Coast and Vale, an area which includes Hull, East Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, York and North Yorkshire.

The programme is funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; NHS England and NHS Improvement; Natural England; the Department of Health and Social Care; Public Health England; the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; the National Academy for Social Prescribing; and Sport England.



VCSE

The programme is being delivered by HEY Smile Foundation and runs to March 2023. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday, 26th November 2021. [Click here](#) for more information about the grants on offer and to apply for funding.

