The Quick Guide to

East London Health and Care Partnership (ELHCP) - Sustainable Transformation Plan (STP)

In 2015 NHS planning guidance announced that across 44 areas in England Sustainability and Transformation plans (STPs) would be developed. These would be five years plans (Oct 2016 to March 2021) developed by NHS organisations and local authorities coming together to deliver place-based proposals on the future of health and care services in their areas. More specifically this would include arrangements for: improving quality and developing new models of care; improving health and wellbeing; and improving efficiency of services. The plans were required to cover all aspects of NHS spending and focus on better integration with social care and local authority services.

In East London the Health and Care Partnership (ELHCP), consisting of eight councils and 12 NHS organisations (including Clinical Commissioning Groups) came together to deliver a STP and its shared goal of helping people live health and independent lives.

The partnership focuses on driving forward the things that only can be achieved by all the councils and NHS organisations across east London working together. This includes recruitment and retention of staff, the best use of buildings and facilities and providing specialist clinical treatments. Its mission is to protect vital services and provide everyone with the best possible treatment and care when they need it.

The ELHCP has recently set up new commissioning arrangements in the form of a ‘North East London Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)’, this will build clear links across the east London areas and all its commissioners.

Recent NHS planning guidance has set out a plan for STPs to ‘evolve’ into ‘Integrated Care Systems (ICS)’. The desired outcomes being: More robust cross-organisational arrangements; population health management approaches that facilitate the integration of services; more care through re-designed community-based and home-based services; and collective responsibility for financial and operational performance and health outcomes.

The guidance suggest that integration will achieved through building blocks at different scales: Integrated Care System (ICS), Integrated Providers; and Locality networks.

Barking and Dagenham are keen that throughout this process, and particularly due to its devolution pilot with Havering and Redbridge Integrated Care Partnership (see separate BHR ICP quick guide on this), that the ELHCP ensures planning is at the lowest level and centralisation does not override devolution.

ELHCP website: [http://eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/](http://eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/)

STPs website: [https://www.england.nhs.uk/systemchange/view-stps/](https://www.england.nhs.uk/systemchange/view-stps/)

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1 Local Authorities in ELHCP:
- Barking and Dagenham
- Havering
- Redbridge
- City of London
- Hackney
- Newham
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

2 CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group: Clinically-led statutory NHS bodies responsible for planning and commission of health care services for their local area.