

STP – Sustainability and Transformation Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the STP?

The Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) 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 that services are delivered for the future to:

- 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. This is a list of all the local organisations under each individual STP footprint:

Black Country STP Partners	Birmingham and Solihull STP Partners
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 NHS Foundation 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 NHS Foundation Trust	Associate: Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG
Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	
West Midlands Ambulance Service	
Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG	

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

Yes, each area will have a lead who will be responsible for chairing meetings and who will be allocated a 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 priorities and 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 with and involve local people in any changes. As work progresses on each STP, this will also be communicated and people will be invited to local events to have their say.