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Edition 2: Working in partnership for our population

"In this update on our partnership working, we are keen to provide more information on the developing workstreams. These aim to ensure that everyone in Cheshire and Merseyside can access the same high standard of mental health, learning disability and autism support - and we can achieve that by working together."

Since the start of February, when we shared our plans to strengthen our partnership working, we have been delighted to see the enthusiasm from colleagues in both Trusts and wider partners. Key developments in recent weeks have included taking a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - a shared set of principles demonstrating how we will work together and support the next stage of delivery - to both Trust Boards for approval. We have also met with the Integrated Care Board for Cheshire and Merseyside, system leaders and senior teams in both organisations to help identify priorities for the year ahead.

We are now moving into the next phase of delivery, supported by strengthened governance and a new set of workstreams. These include seven clinical and nine enabler workstreams, designed to support shared standards and a population-led approach, helping reduce variation and improve equity and efficiency. They are:

Clinical

1. Children and Young People's Mental Health & Neurodevelopmental (including LD and Autism)
2. Adult Mental Health and Primary Care Interface
3. Crisis, Urgent and Emergency Care and Alternative to Admission
4. Rehabilitation and Complex Care (inc Section 117)
5. Learning Disabilities and Autism
6. Perinatal Mental Health
7. Forensic Service Alignment

Enabler

1. Data, Analytics and Digital
2. Workforce, Organisational Development, Education and Training
3. Finance, Value and Independent Sector Reduction
4. Medicines Management and Clinical Support
5. Neighbourhoods, Voluntary, Community Faith Social Enterprise (VCFSE) and Lived Experience
6. Estates and Assets
7. Delegation and Assurance
8. Improvement and Research
9. Communications and Engagement

Workstream leads are being identified and if you would like to get involved in this work please contact the Joint Programme Director [Chris Lyons](#) or CWP Strategic Clinical Director [Dr Fiona Pender](#). You can also [click on this link](#) to ask any questions you have about the partnership as a whole, or individual workstreams. We were also delighted to attend a NHS Cheshire and Merseyside System Leaders' Event in March, showcasing all the partnership working that we have underway, including some great outcomes for our population. Read more about these examples [on the following pages](#).