

## Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

# Connecting Care in Central Cheshire - Integrated Community Teams

*Putting people at the heart of health and social care*

### OVERVIEW

Health, social and other care professionals will be developing more integrated working with GP's and their practice staff to ensure that people receive care delivered by the appropriate individuals at the right time and in the right place.

It is well recognised that to meet the needs of the Central Cheshire population, requires a change in the way of working. Integrated teams will work alongside nine clusters of GP Practices in Central Cheshire (covering Vale Royal and South Cheshire CCG footprints) working through organisational boundaries to achieve integration that delivers single access to resources and streamlining the co-ordination of care.

To support this integrated approach, significant investment has been secured to allow the introduction of additional posts including new roles within the integrated teams such as; Care Facilitator and Complex Case Practitioner. Implementation of phase 1 is underway and the additional resources are anticipated to be in place by Spring 2016.

The main partners in this work are; GP's in Central Cheshire, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Cheshire East Council, East Cheshire NHS Trust, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and NHS Vale Royal and South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG).

#### THIS INTEGRATED, LOCALISED APPROACH AIMS TO;

- Enhance people's experience, improve the quality of service, reduce the number of unplanned admissions to hospital
- Decrease the length of hospital stays
- Prevent readmission to hospital or admission to long term care facilities
- Support people's recovery and rehabilitation in the community