



## Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board

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Purpose:	Information and discussion

### 1. Executive Summary

- Bristol Health Partners is a strategic collaboration between the city region's universities, major health and care providers and commissioners, covering the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire area.
- On 1 April 2020, Bristol Health Partners was awarded the prestigious designation of Academic Health Science Centre by NHS England, NHS Improvement and the National Institute for Health Research.
- Through its Health Integration Teams and other initiatives, the partnership's mission is to use our combined strengths and expertise in population and applied health research to coproduce better, more equitable, appropriate and sustainable health and care.
- We seek support from the Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board in understanding how best to support local strategy.

### 2. Purpose of the Paper

This paper gives an update on Bristol Health Partners Academic Health Science Centre. The designation of the partnership as an Academic Health Science Centre provides a renewed opportunity to discuss our contribution the Health and Wellbeing Board, and Bristol's wider Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Therefore, we invite the Board to consider:

- How can Bristol Health Partners and its Health Integration Teams best support Bristol's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2020 – 2025?
- What challenge would you set for the partnership over the next five years?
- Whether/how the Board would like future updates on our work?

### 3. Background

On 1 April 2020, Bristol Health Partners was awarded the prestigious designation of Academic Health Science Centre by NHS England, NHS Improvement and the National Institute for Health Research. Academic Health Science Centres (AHSCs) are partnerships between top universities and NHS organisations that combine excellence in research, health education and patient care.

Our Board is chaired by Robert Woolley, Chief Executive of University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust and co-lead Healthier Together Integrated Care System.

Our Executive Group is chaired by Professor David Wynick, AHSC Director and joint Research Director at North Bristol and University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Trusts.

There are 11 partner organisations, including NHS trusts and the local clinical commissioning group, Bristol's universities, the adult community health services provider and the local authorities from Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
- Bristol City Council
- Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Blood and Transplant
- North Bristol NHS Trust
- North Somerset Council
- Sirona care & health
- South Gloucestershire Council
- University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
- University of Bristol
- University of the West of England (UWE Bristol)

#### **4. Our Health Integration Teams**

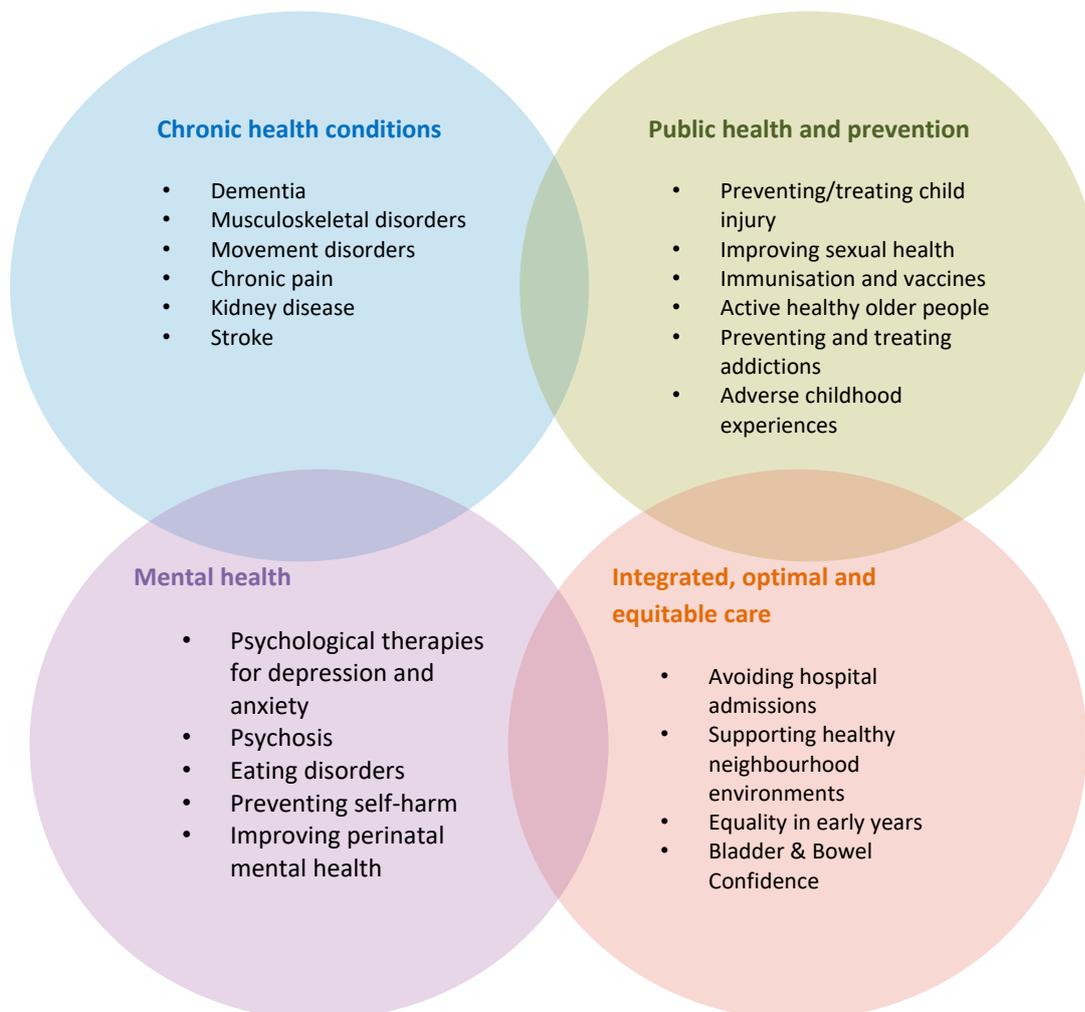
The main way by which Bristol Health Partners delivers system wide change for the benefits of the BNSSG population is through the work of the Health Integration Teams. These bring together the right people from across our partnership, networks and beyond to tackle health priorities by working in new ways, harnessing the best research, innovation, care and education. Our HITs must evaluate, involve patients and the public and have a whole system approach.

HITs develop health and care system relevant research programs and drive service developments and interventions that improve healthcare delivery, reduce health deprivation and inequalities, and increase population health and well-being.

Our 20+ Health Integration Teams comprise health professionals, public health staff, researchers, commissioners, voluntary sector organisations and service users. HIT aims include:

- Removing organisational barriers across the health and care system;
- Ensuring all implementation activities meaningfully involve patients and the public;
- Delivering and promoting evidence-informed care and interventions;
- Creating an integrated, equitable and whole-system approach to health and care.

**Figure 1** below lists the HITs we support by theme:



*Figure 1: Bristol Health Partners Health Integration Teams*