

Summary Report for Wokingham Health and Wellbeing Board

12th October 2017

Name of Report	Merger of the four Berkshire West CCGs
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Date of Meeting	12 th October 2017
Subject Information	To brief the Health and Wellbeing Board on the proposal to merge the four Berkshire West CCGs into a single CCG with four localities.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this paper is to brief the HWB on the proposal to merge the four Berkshire West CCGs into a single CCG with four localities, effective from April 2018. Further to the letter of 31st July from the CCGs to the Chair of the Health and Well Being Board and CEO, the Board are invited to comment on the proposals.

BACKGROUND

2. In July and August of this year, the GP membership of the four Berkshire West CCGs voted to merge to create a single CCG with four strong localities.
3. The key rationale was to reduce the duplication and inefficiency created by running four separate organisations so that clinical and managerial effort could be focused on developing primary care Alliances and supporting the Accountable Care System.
4. In accordance with this vote, the CCGs have submitted an application to merge to NHSE, and the NHS E National Commissioning Committee will consider this and make a decision at the end of October.

5. The CCGs will begin to work in new ways in shadow form during the current year and, subject to NHSE approval, the new CCG will be established on April 1st 2018.
6. The attached Merger Proposal paper articulates in more detail the rationale, benefits, risks and some elements of an operating model for a single CCG.