

## Appointment of Chief Executive Designate for NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board

### Dear Colleague

I am pleased to announce that following a robust recruitment and selection process, NHS England and NHS Improvement have recommended that Chris Clayton be appointed the Chief Executive Designate of the Integrated Care Board (ICB), ready to take up the post as soon as the Bill receives Royal Assent.

Many colleagues will already know Chris from his work as Chief Executive of NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group since 2017, and as the executive lead for Joined Up Care Derbyshire since last year. Chris therefore brings a vast knowledge of the local health and care system and local relationships into this new position and brings continuity to the work of our system ahead of the new Integrated Care Board being established subject to legislation in April 2022.

The appointment of the Chief Executive Designate also triggers the ability to recruit and appoint to other key roles within the Integrated Care Board to provide certainty and direction for the new organisation.

The Health and Care Bill 2021, which contains a series of measures to formally establish Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), is currently at Committee Stage receiving a detailed examination following its second reading. The Bill will put ICSs on a firm statutory footing, empowering them to better join up health and care, improve population health and reduce health inequalities.

Each ICB will hold a substantial budget for commissioning high quality patient care and have the authority to establish performance arrangements to ensure this is delivered.

A key element of preparing for legislation to take effect is confirming who would take up senior roles within each ICB. This started with my appointment as the ICB Chair Designate and continues with the appointment of Chris as the Designate Chief Executive, responsible for NHS budgets and functions, and for working with our full range of partners and local communities to improve services and the health of those we all serve.

I am sure, like me, you will look forward to continuing to work with Chris and other colleagues on improving care for the people of Derby and Derbyshire.

The next step will be to recruit Non-Executive Members and Executive Directors to the ICB over the coming weeks and we will keep you informed as this work progresses.

While getting our structures and governance right is crucial, integrated care is about practical, real improvements to care and population health. We thank everyone for the continued effort to make integrated care a reality, and I will keep you updated as preparations for statutory footing continue.

Best wishes,

John MacDonald

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