



## Information Update: Joined-Up Care Derbyshire (JUCD) / PLACE and Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP)

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A number of our member practices have contacted us for an update on JUCD, PLACE and QIPP in the county.

We had been waiting for further clarity, however, following a meeting about QIPP on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018; **we are disappointed to be writing to inform you that the situation remains frustratingly unclear.** Whilst the call for 'transformation' is loud within the Joined-Up Care Derbyshire plans (formerly known as the STP), the situation has stalled, in part, because of the huge financial pressures placed on the CCGs by NHSE.

The proposed QIPP plans appear to cut services across the county, both in primary and secondary care. We feel short-term decisions in the interest of cost-cutting will lead to longer term impacts on patients and the health economy of the county. **We continue to be concerned of the impact that this cost-cutting will have on practices and individual GPs and the need to communicate these plans to practices.** We appreciate that many of our colleagues working in the CCG understand this and are trying to minimise the impact on general practice, but we remain worried because of NHSE's position.

With regards to future planning, it is clear that, despite our best efforts, **the voice of general practice is not being heard**; the consequence of this will be a push back on JUCD by general practice. Many of us support the idea of JUCD, with practices working at scale at the heart of primary care and Place, with more work moving out of hospitals into the community. That shift of work must not only be appropriately funded but also be pump-primed. How this can be achieved within the funding envelope remains to be seen.

Despite this agreement in the ethos of JUCD and Place; general practice continues to be marginalised. The need for proper engagement with general practice has been voiced by the LMC from the very beginning of JUCD and the lack of meaningful inclusion of general practice will sadly be its downfall unless things change.

For further information, or to arrange an interview, please contact:  
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We, along with other colleagues leading general practice have been challenged repeatedly about representation, mandates demanded and our presence repeatedly requiring justification. As a consequence, we have worked with other GP providers on a proposal for GP representation which we feel **JUCD must accept to show that it values general practice.**

We do sympathise with our CCG colleagues working hard to do the right thing and understand the precarious financial situation of the Derbyshire system, however, this requires more engagement and lateral thinking and not less.

We feel we are at a stalemate and want urgent clarification of the direction-of-travel of JUCD/ Place and the potential impact of this and QIPP on practices. Only by this clarification can we continue to support JUCD and Derbyshire practices working within it.

With this in mind [we have written](#) to our colleagues in JUCD and requested the following:

*1) Urgent acceptance by JUCD of the joint proposal submitted for GP representation which will grow to include Place.*

**And**

*2) Involvement of that representative body at all meetings which may impact on general practice.*

After discussion with Place Leads and CCG representatives over the past few days, **the LMC will be organising a crisis meeting** with senior representatives of the CCG team, Place and Federation Leads to discuss the position and representation of general practice within JUCD as a matter of urgency.

We will keep you updated of future developments as and when they occur and welcome any comments in the meantime. Please send these to [office@derbyshirelmc.nhs.uk](mailto:office@derbyshirelmc.nhs.uk).

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