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Welcome to the North Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Care Partnership National Neighbourhood Health Implementation Programme (NNHIP) monthly update.

Every month, we'll be sharing a brief snapshot of the progress being made across North Place as part of the NNHIP. These updates are designed to keep all our stakeholders informed and engaged with the work taking place. Please feel free to circulate this update within your teams and organisations as appropriate.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the programme, please contact us via nwangliaft.northcpcarepartnership@nhs.net

Dr Minal Bakhai Visit | 22 January 2026

On Thursday 22 January North Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Care Partnership were visited by Dr Minal Bakhai, National Director for Primary Care and Transformation and Nicola Gitsham, Head of Strategy and Policy for Neighbourhood Health at NHS England.

The visit was an opportunity to showcase the work being delivered as part of the National Neighbourhood Health Implementation Programme (NNHIP). Minal and Nicola were given an overview from local care teams on the proactive frailty clinics being run across our three pilot neighbourhoods and an overview of the projects we have delivered with our partners across the health, care and VCSE sector to improve the health and wellbeing of our population.

The national team were able to see a joint proactive clinic that takes place weekly between a GP (Dr Hussain) and Social Prescriber (Gina Goubran) from Central, Thorpe and Thistle Moor PCN. The team were able to talk through the process from identifying people using GP Practice data through to the personalised care plan and "what matters to you" conversation.

This was followed by a presentation from Dr Mandeep Sira, PCN Clinical Director from Wisbech PCN, who gave an overview of the vision for Neighbourhood Health and Integrated Neighbourhood Teams and sector organisations, responding to the needs of the community. Dr Sira showcased some of the groups and initiatives to support mental health, walking football and dance group and their experiences of building an integrated team of teams as part of the NNHIP programme.

Colleagues from across our Partnership were invited to a networking lunch where Dr Neil Modha, North Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Care Partnership co-chair and John Rooke, Managing Director, gave an overview of the vision for Neighbourhood Health and Integrated Neighbourhood Teams and how the work and learning of three pilot sites over the last four months has helped to shape plans for 2026/27.

Dr Minal Bakhai then presented her vision for Neighbourhood Health. She described Neighbourhood Health as a "radically different way to deliver change and enable those on the frontline to deliver the best care in partnership with communities." Her key ingredients to success as;

- 1) Trusted relationships
- 2) Strong partnerships and distributed leadership
- 3) A permissive culture with devolved budgets that are closer to communities
- 4) A relentless focus on whole person outcomes

After lunch, the national team visited South Peterborough PCN at the Yaxley Practice, where Dr Peresh Gela, PCN Clinical Director, Dr Rhiannon Nally and some of the PCNs Personalised Care team presented on their proactive care model. The introduction of Occupational Therapists into their team and the Group Consultations they have introduced.

Dr Minal Bakhai said "It's been great to hear about the proactive care model being delivered through collaboration between health, care and the community and to learn about the investment being made in to the voluntary sector and grass roots organisations."

What's coming up?

Planning for 2026/27 has begun. We intend to capture the learning and insights from partners involved in NNHIP and incorporate into an Integrated Neighbourhood Team Implementation Guide. This document will support and encourage partners to develop Integrated Neighbourhood teams across all Neighbourhoods in North Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Work has begun thinking through the evolution of our High Intensity User Tier 2 programme (including a better name!) for 2026/27. This proactive care scheme provides a great opportunity for Integrated Neighbourhood teams to work together to deliver personalised care and support to people who have been identified, through population health data, as at risk.

Both documents will be developed with input from the Integrated Neighbourhood Development Group and other Integrated Neighbourhood and primary care forums. Do reach out to us on nwangliaft.northcpcarepartnership@nhs.net if you would like to contribute towards their development.

Alongside our monthly newsletter we're also holding monthly webinars to share key updates and share progress. Our next stakeholder webinar will be taking place on Wednesday 11 February at 12:30. If you don't have the invite in your diary, please email nwangliaft.northcpcarepartnership@nhs.net to request an invite.

Additionally, the next regional neighbourhood health event is being held in Birmingham on Tuesday 10 February. Colleagues from across our system including General Practice, social care, and voluntary sector will be brought together to share examples of best practice and talk about next steps. We will share further information around this event in our next newsletter in February.