

## Media Statement: External support

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The NHS, local councils and healthcare providers are working closer together to improve health and wellbeing across Nottingham and South Nottinghamshire. The aim is to give patients and citizens a more joined-up experience of healthcare, hospital care, mental health care and social care services that better meet their needs locally.

NHS England announced in June that the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) would become an accelerated accountable care system with an early focus on Greater Nottingham.

The work underway in Nottinghamshire across health and social care is ground-breaking in this country and our teams will benefit from advice, guidance and training from an external transformation expert.

The decision to work with Centene UK was taken after a competitive procurement process.

Centene UK specialises in systems and pathways, and is not a healthcare provider. A contract up to £2.7m for 2017/18 has been agreed to provide specific advice on developing new service models and Information Management and Technology. The work is funded through resources provided by NHS England to deliver better value and to meet the changing needs of our community.

### **Dr Stephen Shortt, accountable care system lead in Greater Nottingham, said:**

“This is a unique opportunity for Greater Nottingham to give people a more joined-up experience of healthcare, hospital care, mental health care and social care that better meets their needs locally and makes the very best use of available resources.

“We’ve identified ways that all of our organisations can begin to work as one system – with fewer barriers between services from the NHS, local councils and health providers – to ensure people are able to lead happy, healthy lives and to stay independent and well, and where possible receive care closer to home in the community.

“The scale of transformation is unprecedented in England, but it has been achieved by health systems in other parts of the world such as Europe. That’s why we have to take this opportunity to learn from organisations with international experience of transformation, such as Centene’s work with Ribera Salud on the internationally renowned Alzira model in Valencia, Spain. Centene UK is not a healthcare provider but will advise us on the logistics of setting up a shared health and care system.

“We worked with Centene UK during 2016 to identify ways that the different health and care organisations in Greater Nottingham could be brought together.

“We believe this is the right approach. To give us the best chance of success, we have to work with people who have real-life experience of doing this on a scale and at a pace that hasn’t been achieved in England before. We don’t have all of this expertise within our own teams – that’s why we want to work closely and learn from others. Over time we will develop our own levels of expertise and knowledge and become more self-sufficient.

“We are investing in the future of Greater Nottingham and the wider NHS. All of our learning will ensure staff in Greater Nottingham have the right skills and expertise to develop a system where people get the best possible health and care. This learning will be shared across the NHS so that everyone can benefit from our collective work.”

## **Notes to Editors**

### **Background**

The STP for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire has been produced in response to recent NHS England planning guidance and to deliver the NHS Five Year Forward View.

Local NHS providers, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), councils, and other health and care services have formed the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership - one of 44 in England - to collectively plan how local services will work to improve the quality of care, and their population’s health and manage finances across the system.

More detail about the plan – as well as recent public feedback – can be found at [www.stpnotts.org.uk](http://www.stpnotts.org.uk).

The planning footprint locally covers Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Nottinghamshire comes under two separate NHS England regional areas: ‘Greater Nottingham’ and ‘Mid Nottinghamshire’ are part of Midlands and East, and Bassetlaw is part of North of England. NHS England following local discussions determined that Greater Nottingham and Mid Nottinghamshire formed the STP footprint, with Bassetlaw as an associate. The STP footprint for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire covers six CCG areas, eight local authorities and a population of slightly more than one million people.

There are more than one million patients and citizens who live in Greater Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and more than 50,000 staff that work across the different organisations, who work as part on an annual health economy worth £3.7bn across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

## **The Greater Nottingham Transformation Partnership**

The Greater Nottingham Transformation Partnership consists of:

- NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group
- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Nottingham CityCare Partnership
- Circle Nottingham Limited
- Nottingham City Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council

It's being coordinated by Greater Nottingham Transformation Partnership Board – which has representatives from every organisation, as well as citizen and patient groups, such as Healthwatch and the Greater Nottingham Citizen's Advisory Group.

The Greater Nottingham footprint covers Nottingham City, Nottingham North and East (covering parts of Gedling, South Ashfield and Eastwood), Nottingham West (Broxtowe and Eastwood) and Rushcliffe. So, Greater Nottingham is important to you if live in Nottingham City, Rushcliffe Borough, Beeston, Chilwell, Stapleford, Eastwood, Hucknall, Gedling, Lowdham, Arnold and Carlton.

The Partnership procured Centene UK as an adviser via Capita (who are part of the [NHS Lead provider framework](#)) so although Capita managed the competitive procurement process/contract, Centene UK has the experience of setting up Accountable Care Systems internationally. Like the public sector ACS in Spain ([details published by Kings Fund here](#)).

- Centene UK is a Supply Chain partner on the Lead Provider Framework (LPF) for Capita Plc (as a prime provider on the framework) and has been since the LPF's inception c. two years ago. Under this LPF framework Capita has an agreement co-operatively to work on relevant tenders let by NHS England and other NHS organisations.
- Capita will be providing Centene with support, using Capita's core products and services, such as data and analytics services, as relevant to the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire STP.

For more information about the partnership, visit [www.GreaterNottinghamTransformation.co.uk](http://www.GreaterNottinghamTransformation.co.uk)