



5. Who is responsible for the locality plan?

Bolton's locality plan has been jointly produced by the CCG, Bolton Council, Bolton FT, and GMMH, as well as organisations and groups in the voluntary and community sector. Together these organisations have formed the Bolton Health and Social Care Partnership with Su Long (Chief Officer for the CCG) as the Senior Responsible Officer.

But we don't have all the answers! We need Bolton people to get involved and share their views too.

6. What is meant by transformation? What does it mean in reality?

We have been making small changes to health and care services and trying to save money for the last few years. But there's now even more pressure on services so this isn't enough – we must do more. Transformation means making BIG changes to the way we provide services and moving away from how things have always been done.

7. Is it about reducing costs or making cuts?

There's more and more pressure on Bolton's health and care services but the money we have available to spend is limited. This means we're going to have to work smarter and do things differently if we want to make services better and improve the health of local people.

8. When are the changes happening?

The Locality Plan is a five year plan. We've spent the last year developing the plan and laying the groundwork – this has included extending services we know are working well or testing out new ideas.

Transformation Fund money, awarded in March 2017, will help us to get things moving more quickly.

Changes to services will be brought in gradually over the next five years until the end of 2021. It could be disruptive and confusing if everything happened at once!

9. What happens if this doesn't work? Is there a plan B?

We'll keep reviewing progress along the way. Some things as we find out more about what works and other organisations become more involving in delivering changes.

But there is no plan B. Our local services are under a lot of pressure and the money we have available to spend is limited. We need to make big changes so health and care services are fit for the future.

10. Why don't we try to fix the current problems before the changes identified by the locality plan?

The locality plan is all about looking at current problems and working out what we can do to fix them, using the money we have available.



