

BPA IMB Chair's Blog – January 2019

Hello and welcome to the first monthly Chair's blog from me, John Holden. I will be Chair of Bradford Provider Alliance (BPA) from December until May, when I will be succeeded by a colleague from one of the other BPA member organisations.

In my "day job" I am Director of Strategy and Integration (and Deputy CEO) at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.



The Bradford Provider Alliance is a group of providers working together to improve and transform the health and care of local people. We work together to develop new care models and pathways. This involves exploring opportunities for doing things differently to achieve better health and care, closer to home, for local people. We try to unblock things that might be getting in the way of achieving real change. We have a [website](#) so you can read up on who we are and find out more about our work and progress.

Our recent focus has been on a new model of care for diabetes. The aim is to reduce the numbers of people developing diabetes, to support those who have been diagnosed to stay well, and when they do need help, to ensure they can have good access to the best advice, support and care possible. We have a range of professionals and people from across the community and voluntary sectors working with us on this.

In a separate communications project to help explain the role of the BPA, each month we will be sharing a "day in the life" of a range of different professionals and support staff. We hope this will help all of us better appreciate the contributions we each make to delivering high quality support, advice and care to local people, and to realise our ambition for people of Bradford District and Craven to be "Happy, Healthy at Home".

If you'd like to know more, want to provide feedback, or find out how to get involved, please contact: contact@bradfordprovideralliance.co.uk