

## **Bassetlaw and South Yorkshire NHS splitting**

Announcement from Sir Andrew Cash, System Lead, South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System received on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021:

Dear Colleagues

You will recall that as part of the Health and Care Bill there were proposals to change some Local Authority boundaries to enable greater alignment with Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). As you know, South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SYB) is one of several ICSs affected by the potential changes with Bassetlaw considered for inclusion within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS.

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that the Secretary of State's decision on the matter has been announced and it is to align the district of Bassetlaw with Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System.

There is a long history of successful collaborative working and clinical alignment between Bassetlaw and South Yorkshire and keeping this arrangement was strongly voiced by a wide range of stakeholders, including local people and clinicians, politicians, national organisations and SYB ICS. It is important to state that we will continue to work closely with health and care partners in Bassetlaw to maintain excellent services and access and to improve the health and wellbeing of the population irrespective of administrative boundaries.

The decision means no change for patients who will continue to be seen and treated by their local GP practice and they will also carry on receiving other health and care services in the same way. The key difference will be the development of stronger connections between Nottinghamshire County Council and the NHS in the planning of health and care services to improve the health and wellbeing of Bassetlaw people.

In due course, when the current health and care bill has made its way through parliament, we now expect our ICS to become the South Yorkshire Integrated Care System, made up of an Integrated Care Board (NHS) and Integrated Partnership (all health and care partners).