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New leaders announced for NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

Three health chiefs have been announced for the new Black Country Integrated Care Board, set to be established in July 2022 (subject to the passage of the Health and Care Bill).

These roles will form the core of the new executive team, following the appointment of Interim Chief Executive Designate, Mark Axcell, in November 2021.

The three appointments which have been made are:

- Chief Medical Officer: Dr Ananta Dave
- Chief Nursing Officer: Mrs Sally Roberts
- Chief Finance Officer: Mr Tom Jackson

Mr Mark Axcell, Interim Chief Executive Designate, said: “The leaders of our Integrated Care Board will have a vital role working with partners to improve health outcomes for local people.

“Working with people, communities and partners, to ensure that we create a health and care system which attracts and retains the best people, delivers the highest quality services, and helps our communities to thrive, is key to a healthier future for all.

“I am committed to recruiting a senior team who have the skills to create the right environment for integration and collaboration to happen locally. The high-calibre, proven track record of the new recruits is great news for health and care leadership in the Black Country.”

The following people will start in their new roles over the coming months to prepare for the establishment of the Integrated Care Board:

Chief Medical Officer: Dr Ananta Dave

Dr Ananta Dave is Medical Director and a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Her previous management experience includes a number of years as Clinical Director for Quality & Safety and interim clinical director for child and adolescent mental health services, at Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust.



Ananta is President of British Indian Psychiatric Association, a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, holds a Master's degree in Psychological Medicine and a Masters in Medical Ethics and Law, and is also an experienced clinician and medical educator who has established and led new services.

Ananta said: "I look forward to returning and reconnecting and working closely with all organisations across the health, care and voluntary sector in the Black Country to eliminate health inequalities and discrimination which has a huge impact on a person's sense of self, belonging and wellbeing. As a member of the Integrated Care Board, I will play my part in restoring hope and healing to the people of this richly diverse region and make it a great place to live and work."

Chief Nursing Officer: Mrs Sally Roberts

Sally has over 37 years in the NHS as a nurse. As well as being Chief Nursing Officer for the Black Country and West Birmingham CCG, she is also the lead Board Level Nurse for our Integrated Care System, a role she has held for the past three years. Before this, Sally has held Chief Nurse and Director of Quality positions at the former Wolverhampton and Walsall CCGs.

As well as holding a registered nurse qualification, Sally is a qualified specialist practitioner, district nurse, lecturer/practice educator and nurse prescriber. Sally has undertaken a variety of senior management roles in provider, education and commissioning organisations throughout her NHS career.

Sally said: "I am delighted and privileged to be appointed into the role of CNO for the Black Country ICB. Having trained in the Black Country, I have spent the majority of my nursing career working in organisations across the system and know we have fantastic people and stakeholders who are all committed to providing the best possible health and care to Black Country people. I am really looking forward to working with teams across the system to drive forward the quality, safety and transformation agenda."

Chief Finance Officer: Mr Tom Jackson

Tom has worked in NHS financial management for over 30 years, with 13 of those as Executive Director. Most recently he has been the Director of Finance for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. His previous NHS career has been in a range of organisations including community, acute, primary care, and commissioning as well as system leadership roles.

After graduating with a degree in Economics from Coventry University, he joined the NHS as a Graduate Financial Management Trainee working in wide range of NHS organisations.

A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance, Tom is motivated by transforming services and improving health outcomes for the local population.



Tom said: “This is a unique opportunity to shape the local provision of health and care – to reduce health inequalities not only within the Black Country but also to close the gap on inequalities locally compared to those across the rest of the country. Our communities deserve the best and I look forward to supporting transformation and innovation by focussing resources on areas with the greatest impact on the health outcomes of our people.”

Welcoming these appointments, **Mr Jonathan Fellows, Chair Designate of the ICB, said:** “I am delighted that Ananta, Sally and Tom will be joining the team.

“Getting our leadership structures and governance right is important but integrated care is about practical, real improvements for local populations and I think these are the best people to work with our new Non-Executives to make this happen.

“Each person brings a wealth of experience which will be invaluable as we work together to tackle the issues that matter to our communities in this post-COVID world.”

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Notes to editors:

Health and Care Bill

- The Health and Care Bill 2021, contains a series of measures to formally establish Integrated Care Systems (ICS'), empowering them to better join up health and care, improve population health and reduce health inequalities.
- Each ICS will have an NHS Integrated Care Board and an Integrated Care Partnership (formed between the ICB and the four Local Authorities)
- Each NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) will hold a substantial budget for commissioning high quality patient care and have the authority to establish performance arrangements to ensure this is delivered.
- It is expected that the new statutory ICB and ICP will be in place by 1 July 2022.
- The ICB will replace the existing CCG but with a Black Country Footprint as the West Birmingham Place will move to Birmingham and Solihull ICS on 1 July 2022.
- A key element of preparing for legislation to take effect is confirming who would take up senior roles within each ICB.
- The ICB recently announced Non-Executives for the new Board too. Check out these appointments here: <https://www.blackcountryandwestbirmccg.nhs.uk/about-us/black-country-integrated-care-board-members>

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