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Message to all staff.

From the Chair and
Chief Executive

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for people in our care

Wirral Community Health and Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Wirral University Teaching Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

Launch of our Joint Strategy 2026-2032

Dear Colleagues,

Following months of development and engagement with staff and stakeholders, we are proud to publish our first joint strategy that brings together Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) and Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (WCHC). Its publication represents an important step forward in our journey towards integration and the delivery of a high-quality, sustainable health and care system for Wirral.

This Joint Strategy builds on the expertise and experience of both Trusts, setting a clear direction to deliver care that is better connected, more accessible, and focused on what matters most to the people we serve. By working more closely together across hospital and community services, as well as with local partners, we can provide more seamless care, support people to stay well, treat them closer to home where possible, and ensure specialist care is there when it's needed most.

At the heart of this strategy is our vision, that together we will **create healthier lives and stronger communities**. Achieving this will rely on all of us.

Whether you work on the frontline, in support services, or in leadership roles, every one of you plays a vital part in bringing this strategy to life. It will guide how we improve services, how we work with partners, and how we continue to learn and evolve as an organisation across the next six years.

You will start to see this strategy reflected in the priorities we set, the decisions we make, and the opportunities available to you and your teams as we continue on our journey to integration. Over the coming months we will be developing our eight enabling strategies along with our clinical service strategies, which will support the delivery of the Joint Strategy.

By working together, listening to each other, and staying focused on the people we serve, we can create real and lasting change.

Thank you for everything you do every day. This strategy belongs to all of us, and together, we will make it a reality.

The **Joint Strategy 2026-2032** is available on both Trust [websites](#).



Steve Igoe
Chair



Janelle Holmes
Chief Executive