

**Report to the Somerset Primary Care Commissioning Committee Meeting on 9 June 2021**

<b>Title: SHS/SFT Collaborative approach to Primary Care</b>	<b>Enclosure D, Di</b>
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**Summary and Purpose of Paper –**

Symphony Healthcare Services (SHS) and Somerset Foundation Trust (SFT) have collaborated closely over the past few years sharing primary care best practice. It was recognised during 2019 that the ambitions for an Integrated Care System (ICS) in Somerset would be strengthened by the development of one single model of NHS employed general practice within the county.

Phase one of the integration began in Autumn 2020 and the Primary Care Commissioning Committee was updated on its progress at this meeting in March 2021. Following the successful phase one implementation of management support, operational review and financial due diligence SHS and SFT seek approval from the Primary Care Commissioning Committee to move into the second and final phase of this integration.

**Recommendations and next steps**

The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to approve moving in the second and final phase of this integration.

**Impact Assessments – key issues identified**

<b>Equality</b>	No planned changes to patient services.
<b>Quality</b>	There will be no impact to the quality of services. The expectation is that the joint organisation continues to offer a high quality service to the registered population
<b>Privacy</b>	No privacy issues identified
<b>Engagement</b>	Thorough planned engagement exercise expected to start July 2021
<b>Financial / Resource</b>	N/A
<b>Governance</b>	SHS and SFT have a signed MOU that outlines the intention for one at scale primary care provider for Somerset. The second phase includes the variations of

<b>or Legal</b>	contracts and legal process that both SHS and SFT will need their own representations.			
<b>Risk Description</b>	This single model will offer GP's an alternative to the partnership model. The risk of one single organisation operating approximately 22% of all general practice in Somerset lies around installing the correct business planning, workforce management, financial control and the effective re-modelling of both organisations. This is a directorate risk and is not on the corporate risk register.			
<b>Risk Rating</b>	Consequence	Likelihood	RAG Rating	GBAF Ref
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