

West Essex 7 Day Primary Care Innovation and Integration Project

West Essex

Number of patients covered: 297,043

Number of practices participating: 37

Names of CCGs covered: West Essex

Summary of scheme's work:

Improve access to General Practice for patients whose conditions may be unstable or deteriorate at weekends

Expand capacity and integration of existing out of hours providers by creating acute, chronic and specialist GP clinics on Saturdays and Sundays 8:00am to 8:00pm and weekdays from 6:30pm til 8:00pm, in five strategic hubs located across West Essex

Create virtual weekend clinics to trial on-line advice and support via video consultations and email advice

Our top two areas of progress and one area of challenge are:

Progress One:

We have had significant forward movement with IT for SystemOne/SystemOne usage within the hubs, as well as EMIS/EMIS

First wave of sites to go-live anticipated for beginning of October, and being completely live by end of November 2015

Progress Two:

Stellar Healthcare has developed the project team further to cover all aspects of the project

Key defined team members are working towards making a success of our scheme

Challenge:

Interoperability within West Essex remains a challenge, hence rolling our system to system hubs initially

Investment into defining a work around pending a changing go-live for SystemOne-EMIS connectivity has included a number of obstacles along the way

We aim to work alongside NHS England to look at possible support that can be provided locally to ensure a good understanding of these interoperability issues