

# Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)

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# What are Sustainability and Transformation Plans?

- The NHS Shared Planning Guidance, published in December 2015, asked every health and care system to come together to create their own ambitious local blueprint for accelerating implementation of the Five Year Forward View (5YFV). As a result, neighbouring health and care services have formed 44 ‘footprints’ to develop and deliver Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs).

# STPs are:

- the local mechanism for delivering the Five Year Forward View: understanding and addressing the three gaps – health & wellbeing; care and quality; and finance & efficiency – at a local level
- multi-year, place-based plans to meet local need: breaking down boundaries at the organisational level and supplementing planning by individual institutions
- ‘umbrella’ plans for change: hold underneath them a number of different specific plans to address key local issues. NHS organisations will retain their own accountability whilst also working to a shared, agreed plan which addresses

# How do Footprints Work?

- Footprints are local geographic areas where organisations are working together to develop plans to transform the way that health and care is planned and delivered over the next five years.
- Each STP footprint is convened by a senior leader who has agreed to chair and lead the meetings on behalf of their peers. Each footprint has agreed its own governance and representation, depending on local circumstances and to ensure that all relevant NHS bodies and partners are included. An STP footprint supports organisations to come together to agree how best to improve and sustain services and health for their local populations.
- The local, statutory architecture for health and care remains. The ALB Regional Directors will retain accountability for delivery in their regions. Existing accountabilities for Chief Executives of provider organisations and Accountable Officers of CCGs are unchanged.