

CAIPE Statement on Integrated Care (2017)

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The delivery of health and social care is changing both within the UK and internationally referred to as 'integrated care' and 'integrated practice' (see definitions below). In essence these terms are conceptually the same and seek collaboration to provide care.

The CAIPE interprofessional community, is familiar with the quagmire of terms used to refer to collaborative practice. At the moment these new terms refer to the integration of 'health' with 'social care' services and are propelled by policy to better align health and social care budgets. Current local changes involve new service configurations and flexibility to design new services to prevent ill health and hospital admissions. To realise these new service configurations some practitioners are expanding their roles, while in some cases new roles are evolving. These integrated teams remain locality specific responding to local needs. Innovation is key and many new teams of health and social care professionals now follow patients/service users along their care pathways across the primary and secondary care interface, to deliver person-centred collaborative care.

These new ways of working legitimise interprofessional education which remains the prerequisite for practitioners in preparing to work together as described above; and ultimately the work of CAIPE. CAIPE need to encourage the understanding of these new terms within the context of the NHS which seeks to address today's problems.

Definitions

Interprofessional education - *Interprofessional Education (IPE) occurs when two or more professions learn with, from and about each other to improve collaboration and the quality of care (CAIPE, 2002)*

Interprofessional practice - *Interprofessional Practice (IPP) occurs when two or more professions collaborate together to provide high quality, safe and compassionate care.*

Collaborative practice - *Collaborative practice occurs when multiple professionals work together towards a mutually agreed vision of how to receive high quality, safe and compassionate care, which is truly integrated and person centred. The collaborative process is underpinned by a culture where everyone's contribution is valued. Collaborative practice empower staff to embrace change and engage with innovation.*

Interprofessional and collaborative practice - *Interprofessional and collaborative practice lays the foundation for high quality, safe and compassionate care, which is truly integrated and person centred.*

Interprofessional care - *Interprofessional care is provided by professionals who collaborate interprofessionally in a way that has optimal outcomes for each person in need of care and for those who provide it.*

Integrated practice - *Integrated practice occurs when multiple health and social care workers from different professional backgrounds provide comprehensive services by working with patients, their families, carers and communities to deliver the highest quality care across settings.*

Integrated care - *Integrated care is provided by multiple health and social care workers from different professional backgrounds who collaborate interprofessionally across settings in a way that has optimal outcomes for each person in need of care and for those who provide it.*