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Convergence and Integrated Care Strategies:
The view from Bristol



Background



June: UHBW and NBT announce joint Chief Digital Information Officer and intention to follow shared digital strategy (the 'acute provider collaborative').

2023

December: NBT and
UHBW announce decision
to have a Joint Chair and
Joint CEO. Both
organisations forming a
Hospital Group within next
two years - the third
largest in NHS England.



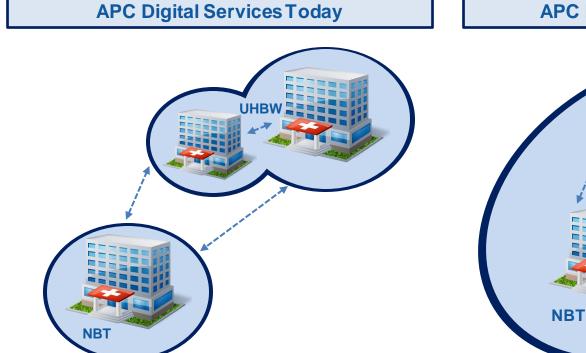




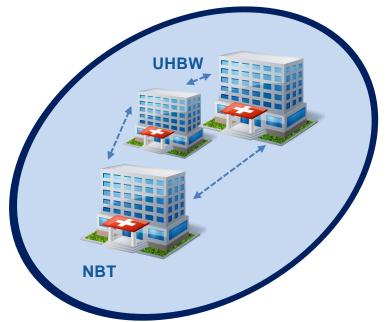
What is an 'Acute Provider Collaborative'?



"A single digital community, moving beyond collaboration to a digital shared service with the potential for more organisations to benefit..."



APC Digital Services In Future





Some Important Principles



Have your foundations in place, e.g. connectivity, access and security (you can't move forward without these).

Have a 'hard-nosed' strategy to prevent an organisation going 'off-piste' and keep digital innovation patient-focused.

Take the organisation with you (have your Board on board and ensure strategic leadership).

Put all processes and data in as few systems as possible. Utilise an electronic patient record - remove variation.

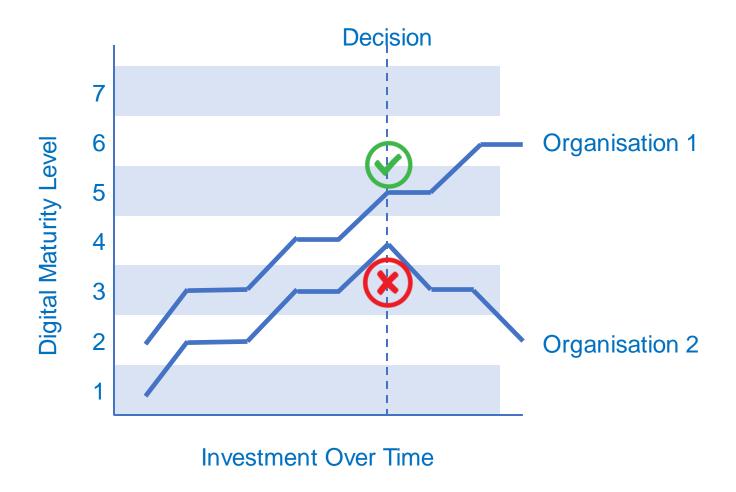
Be data driven - it's a foundational benefit.

Have a single professional centralised IT service to support this.



Maturity Requires Ongoing Investment





The bar of digital maturity is always rising. A lack of investment means that maturity will decline rather than plateau. Improving maturity requires ongoing investment.



Three Final Thoughts





1. Keep it simple.

Bring organisations together with a simpler digital environment that wraps around primary care.

2. Not the easiest way... but it's the best.

It's about doing the right thing,
and avoiding the temptation to take short cuts.

3. A powerful opportunity.

Remember the prize at stake for our staff, patients, service users, and communities.







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