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NHS England appoints director to roll out ICS

- Dominic Hardy has replaced Michael Macdonnell
- He will combine job with his current role of director of primary care delivery
- NHS England has appointed a replacement for Michael Macdonnell, its previous director of transforming health systems, with responsibility for developing integrated care systems.

The regulator confirmed its current director of primary care delivery, Dominic Hardy, has taken on the additional role on a permanent basis.

Mr Hardy will be combining his current post with the new directorship and his formal title is now director of primary care and system transformation. The role includes overseeing the development of integrated care systems.

A source close to the process said: "It makes sense to bring primary care together with integrated care since the former is the cornerstone of the latter."

Earlier this year, NHS England announced a new five-year GP contract framework which will result in primary care networks being set up across England. This will help GPs work more closely with community and secondary care services. Meanwhile, the NHS long-term plan said all areas should be covered by ICS by April 2021.

The role is a dual post between NHS England and NHS Improvement. It was due to report to the NHS England deputy chief executive, but it is not yet clear where it will sit now that the post has been scrapped.

Mr Macdonnell left NHS England to join Google Deepmind Health earlier this year.

Source: HSJ interviews, NHS England
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