

Supplementary File 1: Scoping interviews topic guide

Participant details: Name; name of organisation they work for; their role within the organisation

- Current climate of primary care and collaboration with acute care – the nature of the interface, wider contextual factors (budget, working partnerships, poor performing GP practices)
- The nature of organisational, and service level of, integration
- Current understandings of models of integration in primary care (not just vertical integration, but horizontal, and other models of integrated care):
 - integrate with acute trust (vertical)
 - integrate with mental health trust
 - integrate with community trust
 - other, without structural integration
 - NHS PACs vanguards/new models of care
- Rationale for VI of acute hospital with GP practices (what are the pros and cons for acute hospitals; what are the pros and cons for GP practices – economies of scale, collaboration with neighbouring practices, shared resources, etc.)
- The nature of the contractual arrangements between acute hospitals and GP practices, e.g. directly employed, provider organisation (setting up limited companies).