

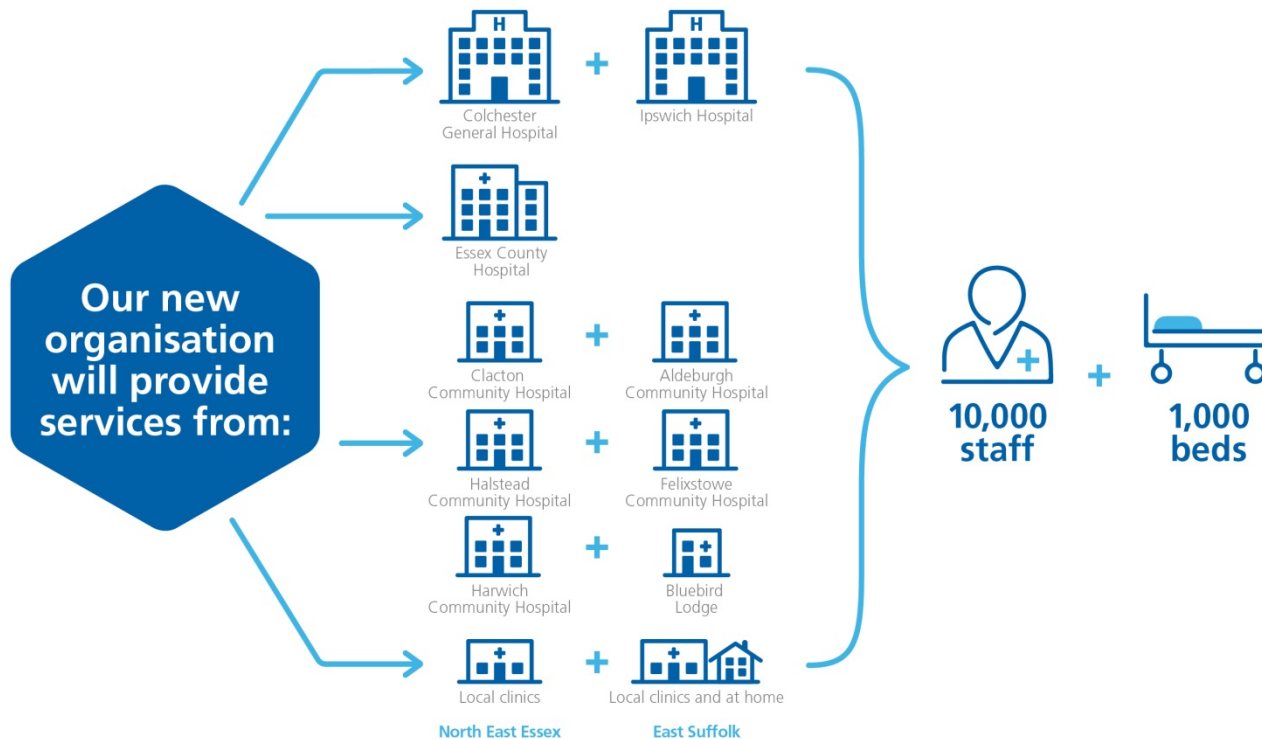
# Colchester and Ipswich hospitals are merging to create a new NHS organisation, which will be the biggest in East Anglia.

Our aim is to see our patients on time, provide the latest treatments locally and attract the best staff.

By merging, we will invest more in our frontline services by cutting waste and the cost of running two organisations.



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# Next steps

- Boards agreed the merger in August
- Agreed Colchester and Ipswich hospitals will have full A&E, obstetric-led maternity services and 24/7 unplanned admissions on both sites
- Working through approval process before formal sign off and the start of the **new organisation in summer 2018**
- We will be talking with you to explain the merger, and ask you to help shape the way our services run
- If doing something differently will benefit patients, then we can, and should, make that change happen as quickly as possible.

