



# NEWS BULLETIN

Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System

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## Proposals for Future NHS Commissioning Arrangements: Engagement Period Now Closed

The first stage of engagement on future NHS commissioning arrangements in Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West has closed. Thank you to all colleagues, representatives of partner organisations and members of the public who took the time to give their feedback.

The engagement process invited views on three proposals:

- The delivery of more joined up and integrated health and care through three, locally focussed Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) – alliances of NHS and Local Government organisations working together to plan and deliver care through a joint approach
- The streamlining of commissioning arrangements through a single Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) – a more strategic organisation to support ICPs and also commission services at scale as appropriate, such as NHS 111 or specialised services
- Changes to the current CCG management arrangements to create a single Accountable Officer and ICS Executive Lead role, supported by a shared management team working across the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West CCGs

All feedback received will be fully considered by CCG and ICS leaders and will inform recommendations to CCG Governing Bodies about a single Accountable Officer/ICS Lead and associated supporting management structure. A full engagement report will also be produced and published in the New Year. Next steps regarding any proposals about a single CCG will be considered by Governing Bodies in early 2020. Any proposals for future CCG configuration would be subject to consultation with CCG members later in 2020 and delivered in line with NHS England/NHS Improvement guidance.

## Next Steps Agreed on Preparations for Population and Economic Growth

The November bulletin reported on the start of work to progress how the ICS can, with its partners, prepare for the significant population and economic growth that is forecast for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West and bordering areas. Growth affects the size and the makeup of the populations served by the ICS and

the availability and skills of the workforce. It has implications for prevention, innovation, education and industries such as life sciences.

These changes present a number of opportunities and challenges for the ICS. It is important that they are planned for in advance and that health and care organisations work closely with Local Authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships and key forums such as Growth Boards.

The ICS System Leaders Group has agreed a set of priorities to provide a focus for work on this broad subject:

- 1) Workforce and people: including cost of living, developing the skills needed to meet future health and care needs
- 2) Prevention: including building healthy towns
- 3) Life sciences and industry: Developing relationships with industry and considering the impacts of the local industrial strategy
- 4) Transport links: including the impact on patients, our workforce, and the environment
- 5) Planning services fit for the future: the impact on older people, those with multiple long-term illnesses, services for people with learning disabilities or autism

These ICS growth priorities are not intended to override the importance of local work and relationships. Leaders within the three Integrated Care Partnerships (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West) will be instrumental in this work and will continue to build key local relationships.

As BOB ICS Executive Lead, Fiona Wise will work to ensure close links are established with other ICS/STP leaders within the Oxford/Cambridge ARC area, the South East regional and national teams at NHS England/NHS Improvement.

## Financial Planning Progresses

The System Leaders Group has been working on the development of the ICS Financial Framework by exploring options for the management of a system financial control total. This work is being developed on a staged approach with principles being developed as the ICS matures.

There are no plans to apply CCG programme allocations outside of the current CCG boundaries for 2020/21.

Further, in-depth work is being planned for January when the ICS System Leaders Group will meet for a full day's workshop.