

Response to July 2021 Governing Body question

Questions received via email from Mr Gus Cairns:

Q: On page 46 of the July 2021 board papers (the section containing the ICS Design Framework), will you see that all of the actions in the yellow section titled “Working with People and Communities” are put in place and proper co-production is done?

It will be a core duty of the Integrated Care System (ICS) to ensure that the public voice is involved in decision-making, but the actions detailed in the July 2021 Governing Body paper will also be for partner organisations at Place-level to realise.

Existing involvement mechanisms will be progressed and – where necessary – new arrangements put in place to ensure patients and carers are able to be involved in shaping and making decisions about local services. This commitment is reinforced in the White Paper, which sets out the importance of involving patients in decision-making at an early stage.

Local arrangements will be developed and embedded ahead of the ICS becoming a statutory body in April 2022 and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will work with partners to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place for the future.

In the meantime, the statutory duty to involve patients and the public remains with the CCG. It also remains an area in which we constantly strive to go above and beyond our statutory duty – as evidenced by our recently-published [Involving People and Communities](#) microsite.