

30 March 2023 ICB Board Meeting - Questions received in advance

All questions raised to the Board will be answered in writing to the individual who raised them and published on the ICB website.

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<p><i>'9. Appointments</i> <i>9.1 There is a hugely rich network of academic partners and NHS (as well as social care) providers supporting research in our region....'</i></p> <p>Can I request that the Board use a Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) as used by the very well respected The James Lind Alliance James Lind Alliance (nih.ac.uk). A PSP is a partnership between Patients, Clinicians and Researchers to set research priorities. The use of a PSP would also demonstrate that the ICB was implementing the NHS Constitution.</p>	<p>Brian Finney</p>
<p>There are a number of priority setting methodologies of which JLA is one. We are embracing the unique opportunity we face as an integrated system to review our research priorities and collaborations.</p>	

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<p>What is the guidance for assisted fertility treatment (IUI/IVF) for couples whereby one partner is transgender?</p> <p>All of the current guidance refers to single women or people in same-sex couples but there is no transparent guidance for a couple involving a cisgender female and an infertile transgender male.</p> <p>Any information on this would be gratefully received, my partner and I are keen to start the process but just keep getting told to refer to the current fertility policy, which does not address our specific circumstances.</p>	<p>Mr Blake O'DRISCOLL</p>
<p>Our current policies do not refer to transgender patients specifically, nor does the NICE guidance CG156. The ICB is in the process of reviewing the assisted fertility policies that the ICB inherited. This review will include a review of all the latest clinical guidance issued by NICE and the most up to date national clinical strategies. This review is being undertaken as a priority and the ICB will be seeking to engage with patients in this process. We will update our website with further information as it becomes available.</p> <p>Please find listed below links to the current assisted fertility policies for patients registered in each of the former CCGs that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB, which are publicly available and detail the type of NHS assisted fertility treatment options available as well as the inclusion/exclusion criteria for eligibility. Please note that all former CCG assisted fertility policies acknowledge the right of patients to be treated according to the obligations set out in the NHS Constitution and the Human Rights Act, specifically with regard to age and sex discrimination.</p> <p>Cheshire (West) https://www.cheshireccg.nhs.uk/media/1839/subfertility-policy-wc-ccg-2017-18-update-may2018-final.pdf</p> <p>Cheshire (Eastern/South/Vale Royal) https://www.cheshireccg.nhs.uk/media/1840/subfertility-policy- ec sc vr ccg 2017-18 final -revision may 2018.pdf</p> <p>Halton & Warrington https://www.haltonwarringtonccg.nhs.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/warrington-policies/policies-1/288-nhs-warrington-ccg-subfertility-policy/file</p> <p>Knowsley https://www.knowsleyccg.nhs.uk/assets/uploaded/documents/26739_FINAL%20Infertility%20Policy%2026022015.pdf</p>	

Liverpool

<https://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/1025/final-infertility-policy-26022015-1.pdf>

South Sefton

<https://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/media/1435/final-infertility-policy-27082015-ssccg.pdf>

Southport & Formby

<https://www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk/media/1214/final-infertility-policy-27082015-sfccg.pdf>

St Helens

<https://www.sthelensccg.nhs.uk/media/1545/sub-fertility-policy-nhs-st-helens-ccg-review-date-november-2015.pdf>

Wirral

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/media/1254/subfertility-policy-wirral-2017-18.pdf>

Information regarding the current application of the inherited former CCG commissioning policies in operation across the Cheshire & Merseyside area can be found on our website via the following link: <https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/about/how-we-work/commissioning-policies/>

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<p>Question for Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board meeting 30 March 2023</p> <p>In February 2023 it was reported in national and local press that Halton Borough Council (HBC) propose to scrap funding for the Halton Adult Learning Disability Nursing Team. Further that the local Integrated Care Board would need to consider how it wants to provide this service.</p> <p>Can the board provide an initial official response to this report/statement please?</p> <p>Background</p> <p>Historically in Halton qualified learning disability nurses, healthcare assistants and support workers were employed by the NHS, as they were and continue to be in the vast majority of regions and localities. A reconfiguration around 2007 led to Halton Borough Council wanting these staff to be based within their services. Staff were TUPE transferred and NHS funds to employ these staff were passed over to Halton Borough Council.</p> <p>If HBC were to scrap their LD Nursing Team should it not be a requirement to have the funding they continue to receive removed and taken back into the NHS, along with the dedicated staff involved?</p>	<p>Peter Fawcett</p>
<p>The ICB, through the Halton Place Director and the Halton Place Team, are working closely with colleagues from Halton Borough Council to understand the impact of this decision by the Council and the opportunities that can be released from the transfer of this service. The ICB will work with local provider colleagues to determine the best model of delivery going forward after 1 April 2024.</p>	