

An Integrated Care System for Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly

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Purpose of this report

- To update the Board on progress towards the creation of the new Integrated Care System (ICS) for CIOS.
- To approve next steps for ongoing discussions regarding the establishment of the ICS and specifically the role of patient and public participation in the new structures.

Background

Integrated care systems (ICSs) are new partnerships between the organisations that meet health and care needs across an area, to coordinate services and to plan in a way that improves population health and reduces inequalities between different groups.

Since 2018, they have been developing and seeking to restructure the relationship between the NHS, local councils and other important strategic partners such as the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. The intention is to create better and more convenient place based services, keeping people healthy and out of hospital and set shared priorities for the future.

The *NHS Long Term Plan* confirmed that all parts of England would be served by an integrated care system from April 2021, building on the lessons of the earliest systems and the achievements of earlier work through sustainability and transformation partnerships and vanguards.

In Cornwall, plans for the creation of the ICS are comparatively mature. This has been aided by the relative simplicity of the organisational structure in the county, with the following organisations incorporated wholly or partly into the ICS.

- Cornwall Council
- Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Council of the Isles of Scilly
- Kernow CCG
- Kernow Health CIC



- Plymouth Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
- South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

In other areas of the country the situation is more complex, particularly in big cities that have multiple CCGs and indeed multiple Healthwatch's'. As a consequence, CCGs in those areas are merging prior to evolving into the newly formed ICS's.

Legislative underpinning is required to establish the ICS structures although the emphasis is what suits best locally should apply. The Health and Social Care White Paper published recently set out the principles behind this. The government does not want to be over prescriptive regarding local structures - including those relating to patient and public involvement. However, the principle that "people" will be fully represented in the new structures is accepted in Cornwall.

Integrated Care Areas are central to the concept of "place" in respect of the delivery of services. The three ICAs in Cornwall are central to the creation of an effective ICS.

Public participation in the CIOs ICS

There is no definitive structure for public participation in the new ICSs. In Cornwall that has been part of ongoing discussions around the creation of the new system. Initial proposals from the CCG suggest a structure that includes a main board structure with public participation and specifically a Healthwatch representative. Supporting that would be a Citizen Reference Forum again with direct participation from us. Please refer to the attached presentation for full details.

These are the initial proposals from the CCG and the full details will be subject to ongoing discussions prior to agreement being reached. The timetable for the creation of the new structure and the legislation around it is set out in the presentation.

Issue for consideration

There are many issues to be considered as the ICS timetable evolves. The Board is asked to consider the presentation and provide some initial direction. This is not, however, a definitive proposal and the Board will have the opportunity to debate this again on an ongoing basis.

- Does the suggested structure look "about right"/what improvements might be made?



- Does this represent a genuine change in the way services are commissioned and delivered or is the supporting structure a talking shop/box ticking exercise?
- Will the structure - and particularly the devolution of responsibility to ICA level meet the needs of local populations particularly when there is a need to tackle health inequalities and promote public health?

Summary of recommendations

The Board is asked to

- To note the paper and attached presentation from the CCG
- To discuss the points for consideration and others as appropriate.

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