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Future NHS Commissioning Arrangements: Engagement Report Published

An engagement report has been published, following the recent engagement exercise to gather views on future commissioning arrangements in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West. Views were invited on three proposals:

- The delivery of more joined up and integrated health and care through three, locally focused 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

Engagement activity was carried out at place level within Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) to gather the views on these proposals. A BOB ICS survey was also made available through the platform Survey Monkey and was open for comment between the 10th of October 2019 and the 1st of December 2019.

A total of 224 responses were received from members of the public, NHS organisations, clinicians, local councils, voluntary and community groups and NHS Staff. All feedback received will be taken into consideration as leaders within the BOB ICS develop proposals.

A full [engagement report](#) has been produced and is available on our website. Also available is the [Board paper](#) which is being considered by the three CCG Governing Bodies in January. The board paper contains much of the content of the engagement report, includes [summary of local engagement activities](#) during the engagement period, a [table](#) setting out mitigating actions to address feedback relating to the proposed joint AO/ICS post, and the [draft job description](#) for this role.

To date, the Bucks CCG and Berkshire West CCG Governing Bodies have met and have agreed the principle of a single Accountable Officer/ICS Lead role, supported by a single management team. The Oxfordshire CCG Governing Body will meet on 30th January 2020.

The next steps regarding a possible single CCG will be considered in the coming months. Any options for future CCG configuration would be subject to consultation with CCG members later in 2020.

System Leaders Group Considers ICS Next Steps and Financial Planning

The BOB ICS System Leaders Group (SLG) met earlier in January. As part of their discussions, SLG members reflected on local progress to develop the ICS and recent feedback from NHS England/NHS Improvement (NHSEI) on national proposals to develop what is being called a “system by default” model.

The model would support the Long Term Plan ambition that the whole of England is covered by Integrated Care Systems by 2021.

National proposals are in the early stages of development. They will consider how best to facilitate a “system by default” model to allow for greater collaboration and co-ordinated action between all system partners, including regulators. Further details are expected in the spring.

The other main item for discussion at the January SLG was the continued work to bring the system back into financial balance. An SLG workshop, including Directors of Finance, will be held on 24th January 2020.