

**Engagement Assurance Committee induction meeting
5 December 2022
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

1. What are the decision-making processes / governance arrangements of the Integrated Care System?

[Please see this animation](#) for an overview of the governance of the Integrated Care System (ICS): See also the presentation slides from the induction meeting for further detail.

- **Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)** – is an alliance of organisations across south east London which sets the strategic direction for the ICS, holds the health and care system in south east London to account and agrees an Integrated Care Strategy for which partners take delivery responsibility, collectively and individually. Membership includes chairs of NHS organisations in south east London and leaders of the councils or chairs of health and wellbeing boards, representation from social care and primary care, Healthwatch and the voluntary sector. Meets quarterly in public.
 - [You can read the papers of the first ICP meeting \(22 November\) here and watch a recording of the meeting here.](#)
- **Integrated Care Board (ICB)** – allocates and delegates NHS resources, works together to lead integration with other NHS services and oversee performance of the south east London system. Meets every other month in public and face to face in different venues across south east London. Membership includes the ICB executive team, the six place executive leads and representation from the acute, mental health, primary care sectors and local government (one per sector)
 - [You can read about members of the Board here.](#)
 - [You can read meeting papers here and see dates of upcoming meetings](#)
- **Local care partnerships** - there is a local care partnership in each area to plan and arrange in partnership health and care services in that borough which are outside hospital. LCPs meet every other month in public.
 - [Bexley Wellbeing Partnership](#)
 - [One Bromley](#)
 - [Healthier Greenwich Partnership](#)
 - [Lambeth Together](#)
 - [Lewisham Health and Care Partnership](#)
 - [Partnership Southwark](#)

Papers for all above meetings are published before the meetings on the [ICS website](#) and members of the public can submit questions in advance as well as attend meeting and ask questions in the open public space part of the agenda for the meetings.

2. What changes are happening for patients as a result of the establishment of the ICS?

All Integrated Care Systems across England have to produce a strategy in the first year and, in south east London, this will outline the key priorities that all partners will work together on jointly to improve health and care for local people. South East London ICS started engaging on its strategy in July. After having reviewed partners' strategies, population and service data and outcomes of previous engagement initial themes for discussion were identified. Two webinars were held for members of the public and voluntary, community and social

enterprise (VCSE) colleagues and a face-to-face event for leaders across ICS partners organisations including the VCSE. Engagement continued through the summer and into autumn via [the chat forum on the Let's talk health and care platform](#) and through local conversations across local care partnerships and within provider organisations. Meetings were held with VCSE working with marginalised communities to gain further insight.

Five priority areas (as set out on slide 10 of the slides from the meeting) were agreed based on what we had heard and further engagement took place in November with two further webinars for members of the public and VCSE colleagues and two further face to face events for leaders including colleagues from the VCSE and the publication of [an ideas board on Let's talk health and care platform](#). Further engagement and work will take place to identify key areas to focus on within the priority areas which will have tangible benefits and impact on the health of local people.

3. What is the role of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector

The [voluntary, community and social enterprise sector \(VCSE\) is a key partner within the South East London Integrated Care System](#). The ICS recognises that the VCSE works more holistically with local people than statutory services tend to do and is exploring how to make best use of the money in order to invest in and develop further the work of the VCSE. The ICS has funded a three year post of Director of Voluntary Sector Collaboration and Partnerships which is based at Community Links Bromley and working across the whole of south east London. The post holder, Tal Rosenzweig, started in November and has a place on the Integrated Care Partnership and is also a member of this committee.

Tal explained that the VCSE is based within the communities it serves and, therefore, best placed to meet the needs of people from across diverse communities in south east London. The VCSE should lead and guide the work the ICS is planning to undertake to address health inequalities and enhancing people's wellbeing. The VCSE director role is very new and Tal needs to work with colleagues from across the VCSE sector to understand what is needed and where the VCSE can have most impact. She is setting up a VCSE Strategic Alliance group to bring together different VCSE organisations and voices to feed into the Integrated Care Partnership and decision-making structures. She acknowledged that the ICS is looking at how it can shift money around the system in order to fund the VCSE.

4. How does the role of the ICB Engagement Assurance Committee differ to the former CCG's Engagement Assurance Committee?

The role of the Committee is similar to that of the CCG's committee in that it is "to receive reports to monitor and provide assurance to the ICB that projects and programmes are working with people and communities to make decisions, set direction and priorities", as set out on slide 17.

However, the scope of the ICB Engagement Assurance Committee relates to providing assurance on engagement activity of system level projects and programmes which informs decisions of the Integrated Care Board or the Integrated Care Partnership as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the terms of reference which can be seen on the [Engagement Assurance Committee page of the website](#).