

Public questions and answers: Integrated Care Board meeting, 16 July 2025

Questions received from the public with responses from the ICB

Question 1	<p>'Neighbourhood' is a major theme for the NHS with over 300 mentions in this meeting's papers. Can the ICS produce a list or even a map of what you consider to be the actual named geographical neighbourhoods across the six boroughs, to inform both practitioners and patients? This and the agreed definition of the term would help consistency and accountability on this vital concept.</p>
Response	<p>The NHS 10 Year Plan released on 3 July sets out what it expects from a Neighbourhood Health Service:</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Health Service ... will bring care into local communities, convene professionals into patient-centred teams and end fragmentation. In doing so, it will revitalise access to general practice and enable hospitals to focus on providing world-class specialist care to those who need it. Over time, it will combine with our new genomics population health service to provide predictive and preventative care that anticipates need, rather than just reacting to it.</i></p> <p>In SEL ICS were already working as a partnership on development of neighbourhoods in anticipation of the direction set out in the NHS 10-Year Plan. In SEL a neighbourhood health service will bring people, services, and communities together to help everyone live healthier, more active, and independent lives. The focus is on joining up care and support, especially for those who need extra help.</p> <p>Neighbourhood working goes beyond treating illness. It supports people to stay well throughout their lives by addressing the wider factors that affect health, such as housing, employment, education, and social support. Local councils and voluntary and community organisations play a vital role alongside health services to provide support that fits people's daily lives.</p> <p>A map of neighbourhoods can be found on our website A neighbourhood health service in south east London - South East London ICS.</p>