

<b>Item No.</b> 10.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 21 December 2020	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Southwark Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Report title:</b>		NHS England Next Steps for Integrated Care Systems	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		The proposals will affect all groups and wards	
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<b>Recommendations:</b>		<p><b>It is recommended that the Southwark Health and Wellbeing Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the contents of the report and the timelines for engagement feedback.</li> </ol>	
<b>Key risks &amp; mitigations:</b>		There is a risk that, due to the pandemic and winter pressures within the current Southwark system, partners may miss the engagement process that NHS England have outlined.	
<b>Equality impact:</b>		There is an assumption that once the proposal has been finalized an equality impact would be undertaken by NHS England at a national level and a subsequent assessment at borough level.	
<b>Financial impact:</b>		None identified at this stage	
<b>Public Engagement:</b>		NHS England have outlined a process of engagement with public and stakeholder that would run until 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2021.	
<b>Appendices:</b>		<a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/261120-item-5-integrating-care-next-steps-for-integrated-care-systems.pdf">https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/261120-item-5-integrating-care-next-steps-for-integrated-care-systems.pdf</a>	

## **Background**

The development of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) since 2018 has enabled NHS organisations, local councils, frontline professionals and others to join forces to plan and provide around residents' needs as locally as possible.

The NHS Long Term Plan (2019) set out a widely supported routemap to tackle the greatest health challenges, with the development of ICSs integral to this ambition. This was further supported through practical guidance to ICSs in *Breaking Down Barriers to Better Health and Care* (2019) and *Designing ICSs in England* (2019).

In September 2019, NHSEI made a number of recommendations for an NHS Bill that included a firmer foundation for system working than the existing legislation (the National Health Service Act 2006 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012). These recommendations to Government and Parliament for legislative change (2019) aimed to remove current legislative barriers to integration across health and social care bodies, foster collaboration, and more formally join up national leadership in support of the Long Term Plan ambitions

## **Considerations**

In appendix A there is a link to the full document which builds on the routemap set out in the NHS Long Term Plan, for health and care joined up locally around people's needs. It signals a renewed ambition for how there can support greater collaboration between partners in health and care systems to help accelerate progress in meeting the most critical health and care challenges.

It details how systems and their constituent organisations will accelerate collaborative ways of working in future, considering the key components of an effective integrated care system (ICS) and reflecting what a range of local leaders have told NHSEI about their experiences during the past two years, including the immediate and long-term challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It sets out ambition for how all parts of the health and care system can work differently, in particular:

- Stronger partnerships in local places between the NHS, local government and others with a more central role for primary care in providing joined-up care
- Provider organisations being asked to step forward in formal collaborative arrangements that allow them to operate at scale
- Developing strategic commissioning through systems with a focus on population health outcomes

It also describes options for giving ICSs a firmer footing in legislation, which sits alongside other recommendations aimed at removing legislative barriers to integration across health bodies and with social care, to help deliver better care and outcomes for patients through collaboration, and to join up national leadership more formally.

The document invites views on these proposed options from all interested individuals and organisations.

Systems across the country have a significant degree of variation in maturity and readiness to develop proposed ways of working. NHSEI will work with systems to ensure that they have arrangements in place so that as previously decided, ICSs are live by April 2021. However, in South East London the work has already commenced and this document aligns with the vision that has been developed.

NHSEI will set out a roadmap for this transition that gives assurance over system readiness for new functions as these become statutory.