

NCL ICB Board of Members Meeting (22 July 2025)
Questions from the public

Agenda item	Question	ICB response
Item 2.1	<p>1. With the merger of 2 ICBs, the Board meetings will physically be more distant from the public and any meaningful scrutiny.</p> <p>How will all 13 local authorities scrutinise health decisions from one merged ICB?</p> <p>Will there still be JHOSCs or other overview committees carrying on this function?</p>	<p>The Ten-Year Health Plan is clear local Health and Wellbeing Boards retain a critical role in local planning and ICBs will draw on these to inform their commissioning decisions.</p> <p>It is also clear that democratic oversight and accountability remains critical and will evolve alongside the NHS and reforms to local government. Health Overview & Scrutiny Committees remain in place and ICBs will continue to engage accordingly.</p> <p>We continue to be committed to working closely with local authorities, including with Joint Health Oversight and Scrutiny Committee colleagues, whatever decision is made.</p> <p>Consideration will need to be given to locations of future Board meetings for a merged ICB; we would expect all Board meetings to continue to be virtually accessible by the public.</p>
Item 2.1	<p>2. As there are two reorganisations taking place with the two ICBs (i.e. Neighbourhood Health and the ICB Merger), will there be a Neighbourhood Health Committee like the Primary Care Committee that will be co-ordinating the process toward Neighbourhood Health Organisations?</p>	<p>It is too early to confirm the details of what the governance structures will be should there be a merger.</p> <p>We are committed to delivering the neighbourhood model set out in the Ten-Year Health Plan and are working closely with local partners to shape this important work.</p> <p>We have strong and valued relationships with our local partners and our borough partnerships have a key role in the development of neighbourhood health.</p> <p>Whatever decision is made, we will ensure that robust governance arrangements are in place and decisions are taken with an understanding of local need and informed by local data and insight.</p>

Item 2.1	<p>3. What consultation with local authority councillors/ JHOSCs/HWBs of all the Boroughs involved with the two ICBs has been carried so far or will be there be more consultation once the decision has been made on the merger?</p> <p>How will the public in all 13 boroughs be engaged and informed?</p>	<p>We have engaged with staff and stakeholders during the development of the case for change, gathering a broad range of views and reflections that have helped to inform the paper.</p> <p>The ICB has made sure local stakeholders have been kept informed, including through targeted email updates and the ICB's stakeholder bulletin, through regular meetings with local authority chief executives and leaders; with provider chief executives through the NCL System Management Board, with the local VCSE Alliance, through discussions with the Joint Health Oversight and Scrutiny Committee and at the most recent NCL Community Partnership Forum.</p> <p>We have undertaken engagement with our Board which has our local authority Leader (Haringey) and CEO representation (Islington).</p> <p>This was discussed at last week's Strategic Leadership Group this week, which is the five local authority CEOs and also the lead Director of Adult Social Care, and Director of Children's Services and we have regular meetings with local authority leadership.</p> <p>Re safeguarding, continuing health care, and special educational needs and disabilities, our Chief Nursing Officer has led listening exercises with local authority colleagues to help us design the next phase.</p> <p>We have also spoken to our local cabinet members for health in our usual monthly meeting with them.</p> <p>We are committed to working with partners and these relationships will remain important to the ICB, whatever decision is made by the Boards.</p> <p>Whilst there is no requirement to formally engage the public or patients (as this does not directly affect the services they access)</p>
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		<p>we are committed to communicating openly and transparently with the public. We have shared details of the case for change and promoted the paper and the Board meetings via our LinkedIn channels and via news stories on our website. We will continue to communicate proactively with the public following the Board decisions.</p>
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