

ICB Blue Print and more

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- NHS England to be abolished by April 2027
- ICBs to cut operating costs by 50%, plans in by May, effective by October 2027
- Model Integrated Care Board – Blueprint v1.0
- 10 Year Health Plan due soon. Targets:
 - o Preventing and reducing inequalities
 - o Delivering more services in a community and neighbourhood setting
 - o Ensuring services are delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible, in particular through the use of technology

Speaker notes

20 mins, inc. questions and views, I speak first mainly overall context and ICB refocus. Tom will cover impact at Regional and neighbourhood levels.

The re-focus will require a redistribution of funds. Less for secondary care and more for primary and community care.

Not rearrange Titanic deckchairs. A bit more like musical chairs.

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1	Dept of Health and Social Security	
1	NHS England	Commission, Pharmacy, Optometry, Dentistry + speciality eg renal
6	NHS Regions	Regional oversight & strategic work force planning and Digital
42	Integrated Care Boards	Was Commission Primary, Secondary, Community services + Primary care networks. Now Strategic Commissioning.
	"Places"	In BOB: Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West
	"Localities"	Sub divisions of Berkshire Wests: Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire (Newbury)
	Neighbourhoods	Mapping yet to be clarified. Likely to include Primary Care Networks, Community hubs with significant input from Public Health and Social Care.

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1	NHS England Not NHS Scotland, NHS Wales, NHS Northern Ireland	Commission Pharmacy, Optometry, Dentistry + speciality e.g. dentistry
6	NHS Regions	e.g. SE Region: BOB, Frimley, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Kent and Medway, Surrey Heartlands, and Sussex. Regional oversight & strategic work force planning and Digital
42	Integrated Care Boards Some merging of ICBs expected. Target 2M patients. BOB has 1.8M patients	Commission Primary, Secondary, Community providers + Primary care networks
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~1250 PCNs 6235 GP Surgeries.Jan 2025	Neighbourhoods Some PCN footprints need review. Some may be grouped together or merged.	Mapping yet to be clarified. Likely to include Primary Care Networks, Community hubs with significant input from Public Health and Social Care.

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Model Integrated Care Board – Blueprint v1.0

- o ICB streamlined to focus on “Strategic Commissioning”.
- o Is written **without** the benefit of blueprints for higher or lower levels.

IT wise

- Pharmacy, Optometry and Dentistry currently with NHS England is not cover is this blueprint
- Systems to do with collaboration with partners stay with the ICB
- Financial control systems stay with ICB
- Overtime, everything else is to me managed at lower levels

My conclusion

- ✓ The key deliverables is **collaboration**
- ✓ The real magic is **getting the key deals over the line** and benefiting at scale within the agreed timescale

Speaker notes The Model ICB Blueprint

“**Strategic commissioning**”. The term is not used in commerce or industry.

The term “**integration**” is used repeatedly. It is often thought of as making a computer system communicate with another computer system. It is an outcome.

To understand the new ICB blue print I think one of the key deliverables is **collaboration** leading to deals and that use resources more effectively. Computer based systems that communicate with each other is a possible outcome. The real magic is getting the key deals over the line and benefiting at scale within the agreed timescale. That requires teams dedicated to brokering these key deals. As I see it, that is the main task of the slimmed down ICB.

A cautious welcome from Digital Health News, Municipal Journal, LocalGov, Healthcare Leader and the Nuffield Trust.

LocalGov: ‘It is vital to ensure that the progress made by ICSs in fostering a collaborative approach to supporting the health of the population is preserved amidst these changes.’

Might mention

- o When set up included emergency planning, safeguarding, NHS Continuing Healthcare assessment and provision (funded care for adults (18+) with complex health needs, primarily driven by their health, not social or other factors.)