



North East and North Cumbria Strategic Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)

Summary Notes from Meeting – Wednesday 21 June 2023

The meeting was attended by partners from the NENC ICB and each of the fourteen local authorities in the North East and North Cumbria.

Agenda Items

1. Chairs welcome and introductions

Sir Liam Donaldson, ICB Chair, thanked members for attending the third meeting of the Strategic ICP following the last meeting held on 15 December 2022.

Sir Liam confirmed that he will continue as interim Chair of the Strategic ICP and is happy to do so until a new Chair can be identified. Sir Liam then gave an overview of the topics that would be covered in today's meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

The chair noted any apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest declared.

4. Notification of Items of any other business

No Items of any other business raised.

5. ICP Development

Dan Jackson, NENC ICB Director of Policy, Public affairs & Stakeholder Affairs
Provided an update on the ongoing development of the Area ICP model and feedback from ICP members.

The meeting frequency and membership model with a stocktake of Area ICP arrangements will be reviewed which will link into the Partnership Governance Self-Assessment which is recommended by NHS England.

The Institute for Public Policy and Research (IPPR) North have supported the development of a Work and Health Strategy for the North of Tyne Area, and its recommendations for more strengthened collaboration between local partners, and the work of public sector 'anchor institutions' through targeted investment and recruitment from local communities. The themes within this emerging strategy will be tested through further engagement with the ICB's Healthier and Fairer Advisory Group (including Directors of Public Health), the regional Work and Health Network (convened by DWP), and through our Area ICP meetings. This emerging strategy is also relevant to the development of our combined authorities' public service reform priorities, including the formation of the North East Mayoral Combined Authority from 2024.

The Strategic ICP is also required to establish an Adult Social Care Providers Forum as part of our ICP arrangements, and colleagues from North East ADASS (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services) are advising on a terms of reference and membership for this group. This will be a biannual strategic forum with representation from across all our fourteen local authority 'places', including both national and local social care providers. Some suggested agenda items for this forum include service fragility, workforce challenges, urgent care and discharge. Local provider forums will continue to meet and ADASS colleagues will identify areas of common interest to be discussed at the strategic forum. The meeting will be held on 29 September 23. An update will be provided at the next Strategic ICP meeting on 7th December 2023.

6. Introduction to the Four Area Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Chairs

North Cumbria Area ICP North Area ICP

Levi Buckley, NENC ICB Executive Area Director (North & North Cumbria)

A brief update to the members was relayed on the first few weeks within his new role as Executive Area Director for both North and North Cumbria. Comments covered the strength of relationships between partners, including elected members, Directors of Public Health, Foundation Trusts, and ICB place-based teams.

There are opportunities to refine and revise the Area ICP arrangements to ensure they make a difference to the local population.

The ICB Executive Area Director expressed thanks to Councillor Mark Fryer and Councillor Lynne Caffrey for chairing the Area ICPs in the North and North Cumbria.

Central Area ICP Tees Valley Area ICP

Karen Hawkins, NENC ICB Director of Place for Hartlepool

Provided an overview of Central and Tees Area ICP in the absence of Dave Gallagher.

Both Central and South Area ICP meetings are now established with a schedule of meetings planned during 2023. There is a strong appetite to establish further partnership working with a sense of common purpose to collaborate and sharing best practice. The objectives of both Central and Tees Areas are to focus on local communities and people.

The two Area ICPs are fortunate to have experienced community leaders as their chairs, and the objectives of the Area ICP will be focused on the health and wellbeing needs of their local communities.

7. North Cumbria Area ICP Chair Update – Councillor Mark Fryer

Councillor Mark Fryer provided feedback to the members from with the work of his Area ICP the main priority being shared initiatives on improving public health.

Councillor Fryer shared the experience of running a programme around Population Health Management in Workington was one of North Cumbria's initial focus which looked specifically at:

- Smoking cessation
- Alcohol
- Substance misuse
- Gambling
- Mental health

Details were shared on secondary prevention initiatives for long term health conditions which were piloted in Workington, which also combined a focus on children, young people and end of life care.

8. North Area ICP Chair Update – Councillor Lynne Caffrey

Councillor Lynne Caffrey provided an overview of leading the North ICP in strengthening partnership working with the focus on the legacies of poor health and poverty within our local communities.

The focus is on identifying shared interests to improve health outcomes, and the better coordination of health improvement initiatives that cut across place and

sector. Some of the emerging priorities that the North ICP has considered include healthy weight management services, substance misuse initiatives, and mental health support services. It was noted that membership will be refined to ensure appropriate representation from places and sectors.

The North ICP also benefitted from a useful overview from Health Watch colleagues on common issues gathered from patient feedback.

9. Central Area ICP Chair Update – Councillor Kelly Chequer

Councillor Kelly Chequer outlined the strong track record of partnership working across County Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland, and how colleagues in health and care can work effectively beyond traditional organisational boundaries.

The Central Area ICP met on 30 March, and spent some time considering areas of shared concern, informed by the latest analysis of patient feedback from Healthwatch colleagues, and how can this add value and improve population health outcomes.

Further work is required to analyse the strategic themes from each of the Health and Wellbeing Board's Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies to identify opportunities for further collaboration.

The Area ICP chair will provide feedback at the next Strategic ICP meeting on agreed priorities.

10. Tees Valley Area ICP Chair Update – Councillor Bob Cook

Councillor Bob Cook provided an update on the Tees Valley area have built good partnership working. The group have met on two occasions, both of which were well attended. The group shared objectives, learning and a common approach of joint working with their priority being the health and wellbeing of the local population.

The members were informed of the importance of colleagues from Healthwatch being an integral part of the Area ICPs due to the close working relations with the local communities. The focus of Tees Valley Area ICP is to provide healthier and fairer lives for all.

11. Next Steps & Joint Forward Plan

Peter Rooney, NENC ICB Director of Strategy and Planning

An update was presented on the development of the NHS 5 Year Joint Forward Plan. This document translates the objectives in the Integrated Care Strategy into deliverable actions. A draft of the Joint Forward Plan will be shared with stakeholders in July to gather views and inform further improvements, with a final version to be published in September 2023. An update will be required annually in March 2024.

12. No public questions were submitted.

13. Developing an Information System for the North East and North Cumbria

Professor Graham Evans, NENC ICB Executive Chief Digital and Information Officer

Professor Evans provided an overview on how we gather statistics from multiple data sources on the health of the population in the North East and North Cumbria. Using this information effectively is a key opportunity for ICS to strengthen how they work as 'health and learning systems'. Having a solid and robust digital infrastructure is essential for us to gather the information we need to become an effective ICS and our ambition is for the Better Health and Wellbeing for All to shape the priorities in our refreshed Data and Digital Strategy.

Professor Evans also covered the challenge of digital inequality, as many of our population are unable to access online services, so measures to improve digital inclusion will be included in our 5 Year Joint Forward Plan.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 7th December 2023

Time: 2:30-5:00pm

Venue: The Auditorium, Durham Centre. Durham