

Developing the Integrated Care Strategy

National Requirement

All Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) are required to publish an Integrated care Strategy by December 2022. On 29 July 2022 the Department for Health and Social Care published guidance for the development of the Integrated Care Strategies.

Steering Group

In anticipation of the national guidance we established a steering group to oversee the development of the strategy. The steering group is jointly chaired by Jane Robinson, Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services, Durham County Council and Jacqueline Myers, Executive Director of Strategy and System Oversight, North East and North Cumbria ICB. The steering group includes representatives from local government, the NHS, and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID, previously Public Health England). The steering group is supported by task and finish groups, for example a data and intelligence group.

Call for Evidence and Data

In July the steering group issued a ‘call for evidence’, requesting key documents including Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) from a wide range of partners. In total over 300 documents were received. The call for evidence has strongly informed the content of the draft strategy, alongside the population health data, which can be viewed through the link: [Picture of Health - ICS edition 2022](#).

Draft Document Engagement Phase

During September and October we began to draft the strategy. On 26 October we will publish the draft through the ICP page on the ICB website as a public facing document. We have developed a short survey to enable members of the public and stakeholders to give feedback throughout late October until 25 November. The feedback will be used to inform the final strategy. We will also take the opportunity, wherever practically possible, to speak with key stakeholders during this phase, for example through Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.

Integrated Care Partnership

On 20 September the joint chairs of the steering group gave an update presentation to the ICP, including on the process to develop the strategy. The ICP will be asked to approve the final strategy in mid-December, informed by the feedback from all stakeholders across the ICP geography, public and partner organisations.