

**Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board
Establishment Board Meeting
1 July 2022 (in public)**

Responses to the public questions submitted to the 1 July 2022 Establishment meeting.

No	Questions / Comments
No. 1	<p>Question: Improvement in health and care services</p> <p>With the creation of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care Board how will you assure and demonstrate to the population that access to health and care services have improved?</p> <p>Submitted by the Five Healthwatch's in BOB</p>
Response	<p>The Integrated Care Strategy by the Integrated Care Partnership and the ICB Five year Forward Plan that will be developed over the remainder of 2022/23 will include the agreed priorities, what we are aiming to achieve and the metrics that will be used to measure achievement. This will then form part of the reporting to the ICB Board at its meetings in public.</p>
No. 2	<p>Question: Green Plan</p> <p>As part of its (green plan) or other relevant policies, has BOB ICB undertaken any analysis of the impact of the Oxford LTNs and / or the planned "Connecting Oxford" by reference to a) NHS staff recruitment and retention b) NHS patient journey times and appointment "no-shows" and c) emergency service response time? For example, is any evaluation planned as part of your organisation's forthcoming "risk register", or other risk-related document? And, if not, why not?</p>
Response	<p>This did not form part of the development of the plan presented to the ICB. As highlighted in the cover paper this first ICS plan mainly focused on the NHS Trust Green Plans and explores operational initiatives and potential for scaling and adoption across the system. The wider issues raised by this question will inform future work which we will be undertaking with a wider group of partners.</p>
No. 3	<p>Question: Operational and Financial Plan BOB Financial Gap (follow-on question from one to CCG Governing Bodies and received post ICB Establishment Board meeting but related to paper)</p> <p>I'm puzzled by what appears to be contradictory statements in the Executive Summary:</p> <p>"Our system plans demonstrate an ambition to live within our financial allocation, increase our activity to above pre-pandemic levels, develop a range of new services and increase our workforce in specific areas where hypothecated funding allows.</p>

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	<p>The submitted financial plan for the BOB Integrated Care Board for 2022/23 (incorporating the first three months of the previous Clinical Commissioning Groups) is to achieve a surplus of £22.2m. This includes an expectation of £21.9m system wide cost reductions which will need to be identified across NHS partners during the financial year.'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How does BOB ICB live within its 'financial allocation' (which implies belt-tightening effort), with a need to identify 'system-wide cost reductions', yet hope to achieve a 'surplus of £22.2m?- Why aim for a surplus when it has to identify 'cost reductions' or potential cuts that could have a damaging impact on access, availability and quality of healthcare services?
Response	<p>The paper presented to the Board shows the position for both the ICB and the wider NHS partners in the ICS (so the ICB and all the NHS Trusts/Foundation Trusts. As a group of NHS partners we are required to submit a breakeven plan and as at the time of submissions the combined provider positions was a deficit – as a result the ICB had to show a surplus positions to offset this to achieve a breakeven position. As the paper indicates, we need to make additional system-wide savings to those in the submitted plans and these will focus on agency and workforce controls, medicines optimisation, corporate collaborative, and a review of key investment areas.</p>