

Public Involvement and Engagement Advisory Committee

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Title of paper	In ICB context: NHS England Annual Assessment of the Integrated Care Board and the ICB Annual Report
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Executive summary

This report summarises the process and outcome of NHS England's first annual assessment of the Integrated Care Board, with a focus on those areas that the Public Involvement and Engagement Advisory Committee are responsible for and oversee.

The report highlights the positive outcome of the annual assessment and how the ICB's first Annual Report has provided evidence to support this.

Advise, Assure or Alert

Assure the committee:

of the positive assurances in the NHSE annual assessment and ICB Annual Report in relation to the ICB utilising the statutory guidance for working with people and communities, and the role of PIEAC in ensuring the voice of the local people and residents is actively embedded and valued in decision making.

Recommendations

The committee is asked to:

- Note the contents of the report.
- Note the positive assurances in the NHSE annual assessment and ICB Annual Report in relation to the work of the PIEAC

Which Strategic Objective/s does the report contribute to		Tick
1	Improve quality, including safety, clinical outcomes, and patient experience	✓
2	To equalise opportunities and clinical outcomes across the area	✓
3	Make working in Lancashire and South Cumbria an attractive and desirable option for existing and potential employees	
4	Meet financial targets and deliver improved productivity	

5	Meet national and locally determined performance standards and targets			
6	To develop and implement ambitious, deliverable strategies	✓		
Implications				
	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Associated risks			✓	<i>Highlight any risks and where they are included in the report</i>
Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?			✓	
Financial Implications			✓	
Where paper has been discussed (list other committees/forums that have discussed this paper)				
Meeting	Date		Outcomes	
N/A				
Conflicts of interest associated with this report				
Not applicable				
Impact assessments				
	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Quality impact assessment completed			✓	
Equality impact assessment completed			✓	
Data privacy impact assessment completed			✓	
Report authorised by:	Debra Atkinson Company Secretary/ Director of Corporate Governance.			

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In ICB context: NHS England Annual Assessment of the Integrated Care Board and the ICB Annual Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report summarises the process and outcome of the Integrated Care Board's (ICB's) first annual assessment, with a focus on those areas that the Public Involvement and Engagement Advisory Committee (PIEAC) are responsible for and oversee to support the board in ensuring the principles for working with people and communities are intrinsically in place across all parts of the organisation and wider integrated care system.

2. NHS England Annual Assessment of the ICB

- 2.1. NHS England (NHSE) has a legal duty to annually assess the performance of each ICB in respect of each financial year and publish a summary of its findings.
- 2.2. In undertaking this assessment, NHSE consider how successfully each ICB has:
- led the NHS within its integrated care system (ICS)
 - contributed to each of the four fundamental purposes of an ICS which are:
 - improving population health and healthcare
 - tackling unequal outcomes and access
 - enhancing productivity and value for money; and
 - helping the NHS support broader social and economic development
 - Performed its statutory duties
- 2.3 Given the infancy of ICBs and that they had only been in existence for nine months of the 2022/23 financial year, the initial assessment approach drew on existing information and in particular the ICB's first [Annual Report and Accounts](#), which must include an explanation of how the ICB has discharged each of its statutory duties, one of which is the duty to consult and engage patients and the public about decisions that affect them.
- 2.4 Pages 38-40 of the annual report describes the ICB's commitment to engaging with people and communities and putting our population needs at the heart of all we do, and how this has been put into action.
- 2.5 Pages 70-71 of the annual report describes the purpose and work of the PIEAC over the nine-month period.

3. Outcome of Annual Assessment

3.1 The ICB received the outcome of the assessment in the form of a letter from the NHSE North West Regional Director on 27 July 2023. The letter is structured around the four fundamental purposes of an ICS and summarises areas where NHSE believes the ICB has demonstrated good or outstanding practice as well as areas of challenge.

3.2 This includes:

Improving population health and healthcare

The annual report demonstrates how the ICB, utilising the statutory guidance for working with people and communities, has established a Public Involvement and Engagement Advisory Committee to ensure the voice of the local people and residents is actively embedded and valued in decision making. The ICB has endorsed a strategy for working with people and communities which describe the ambition to develop robust and trusted relationships which empower our citizens and communities and enable a change in culture and behaviours.

Tackling unequal outcomes, access and experience

The ICB is focused on driving down the inequalities in access, outcomes and experience for people in Core20plus communities.

3.3 The assessment also concludes that there are many challenges for the year ahead, and the focus of the ICB should be on driving continued improvement in access to services, however this must be done with a relentless focus on productivity and value for money.

3.4 The assessment does not include an overall rating of ICB performance, as was seen previously in Clinical Commissioning Group's assessments.

3.5 The full content of the letter and outcome of the assessment can be viewed [here](#)

4. Conclusion

4.1 The outcome of the NHSE annual assessment and the areas drawn out of the ICBs first annual report has demonstrated to NHSE how the ICB is utilising the statutory guidance for working with people and communities, and the role of PIEAC in ensuring the voice of the local people and residents is actively embedded and valued in decision making.

4.2 The paper under Item 10c on today's agenda sets out in more detail the ICB's patient and public engagement arrangements and the outcomes of a recent

internal audit and assessment, which is being undertaken by Mersey Internal Audit.

5. Recommendations

The committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report.
- b) Note the positive assurances in the NHSE annual assessment and ICB Annual Report in relation to the work of the PIEAC

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24 August 2023