



**North
Somerset**
COUNCIL



Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Public Forum 25th October 2019

Petitions, Statements and Questions

Members of the public and members of council, provided they give notice in writing or by electronic mail to the proper officer of the host authority (and include their name and address and details of the wording of the petition, and in the case of a statement or question a copy of the submission), by no later than 12 noon of the working day before the meeting, may present a petition, submit a statement or ask a question at meetings of the committee. The petition, statement or question must relate to the terms of reference and role and responsibility of the committee.

The total time allowed for dealing with petitions, statements and questions at each meeting is thirty minutes.

Statements and written questions, provided they are of reasonable length, will be copied and circulated to all members and will be made available to the public at the meeting

There will be no debate in relation to any petitions, statements and questions raised at the meeting but the committee will resolve;

- (1) “that the petition / statement be noted”; or
- (2) if the content relates to a matter on the agenda for the meeting:
“that the contents of the petition / statement be considered when the item is debated”;

Response to Questions

Questions will be directed to the appropriate Director or organisation to provide a written response directly to the questioner. Appropriately redacted copies of responses will be published on the host authority’s website within 28 days.

Details of the questions and answers will be included on the following agenda.

Questions received (to be responded to within 28 days)

- **Question 1: From Imogen McCabe, Operations Manager, Southmead Project**
- **Questions 2 – 7: From Cllr Gill Kirk, Lockleaze ward**

Question1: Imogen McCabe, Southmead Project

Will Vita Minds be offering counselling to survivors of trauma, and if so what type of counselling or therapeutic support are they offering? If they are not, or if it is only CBT or EMDR, who is going to support those that have experienced prolonged abuse resulting in trauma that may not fall under the category of PTSD?

Response from Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG):

Within our contract with Vita Minds for the provision of IAPT services we have set out a clear expectation surrounding the treatment of individuals who are experiencing common mental health problems. Provision covers depression and a range of anxiety disorders and treatment is delivered through a range of evidence-based individual and group therapies to meet the needs of the individual. For depression, treatments available include the counselling modalities of Inter-Personal Therapy and Counselling for Depression.

For those who have experienced trauma in their past, Vita Minds will offer a holistic assessment to understand how these experiences are impacting on the individual in the present. Where clinically indicated they will offer treatment, or alternatively look at whether different types of support are required to address other determinants of poor mental health (such as debt, housing, social isolation etc.). Often, experiences of trauma can manifest as PTSD and treatment for this disorder would be CBT or EMDR. The service commissioned through Vita Minds is intended to be inclusive and flexible enough to vary its interventions to meet the needs of individuals who meet their eligibility criteria.

Where presentations are complex in nature due to prolonged or multiple experiences of trauma over a period of time and clinical interventions indicated fall outside of what an 'IAPT' service would provide, Vita Minds would be expected to refer to Secondary mental health services.

Question 2: Cllr Gill Kirk, Lockleaze ward

The evolution of the BNSSG STP in its journey towards becoming Integrated Care Systems has caused some confusion, partly due to the various acronyms in use at various times, to cover Sustainable Transformation Plans and Partnerships, (STP) Accountable Care Organisations (ACO), Integrated Care Organisations (ICO) and Integrated Care Systems (ICS) and Integrated Care Providers (ICP). To make things simpler and more intelligible for the residents councillors represent, could we ask for the following clarification:

- a. Could we have a summary of the journey of BNSSG from the initial setting up of the STP in 2014, with a projected timeline towards its aspiration to becoming an Integrated Care System (ICS)?

Response from Healthier Together Director:

Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships were established in 2016 with the purpose of bringing together organisations delivering health and care services within a geography, in our case Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Over the course of 2017 and 2018 the concept of STPs evolved to take responsibility for the health and wellbeing of the population living in the area as well as the delivery of health and care services. Improving population health is a core component of an Integrated Care System, requiring a system of organisations to work more closely together with a focus on the health and wellbeing of their population and a shift in resources to preventing deterioration in health. ICSs also take more delegated authority for health and care from regional and national NHS England/Improvement, enabling them to manage performance and delivery locally.

Question 3: Cllr Gill Kirk, Lockleaze ward

It is our understanding that NHS England expects all STP areas to become ICS's by April 2021.

- a. Can you confirm when BNSSG expects to apply to be an ICS?
- b. Is there an expectation by NHS England for all areas to go on to become Independent Care Providers, and if so, by what date?

Response from Healthier Together Director:

As set out within the national NHS Long Term Plan, all systems are expected to be maturing as ICS's by April 2021. NHSE/I has published a [maturity framework](#) to validate what this means.

There isn't an expectation around Integrated Care Providers – however we are currently working with our six integrated community localities to develop integrated care partnerships.

[Healthier Together Partners: UH Bristol & Weston Area Health Trust, North Bristol Trust, BNSSG CCG, Sirona care and health, Bristol City Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council, Avon and Wiltshire Partnership Trust, South West Ambulance Trust, One Care]

Question 4: Cllr Gill Kirk, Lockleaze ward

We understand ICS to be an informal alliance of organisations in a partnership, (not requiring substantial contractual or structural change) working together to set strategy, finance, workforce planning and general integration. It overlays but does not replace regular commissioning processes and contracts; Integrated Care Provider system involves merging multiple services into a single long term contract held by a single provider, which can be an NHS or a Private provider.

- a. What will be the necessary steps for BNSSG to take in order to become an ICS or an ICP?

- b. Will BNSSG ICS aim to be run by a Lead provider? Can you guarantee that any lead provider would be an NHS body?
- c. Does an ICP system carry more likelihood of services being run by private providers than an ICS system?

Response from Healthier Together Director:

- a. We will set out some of the next steps to mature as an ICS in our 5 year system plan.
- b. BNSSG is developing a partnership model as we mature to an ICS.
- c. We have no plans to establish Integrated Care Providers run by private providers.

Question 5: Cllr Gill Kirk, Lockleaze ward

Could you update us on the response to the Integrated Care Provider consultation run by NHS England in 2017?

Response from Healthier Together Director:

The response to the consultation can be found here:

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/proposed-contracting-arrangements-for-icps/>

Question 6: Cllr Gill Kirk, Lockleaze ward

Have there been requests for further legislation, regulation and public consultation as a result of MP's concerns and judicial review, and will BNSSG need to wait on the outcomes of these challenges before proceeding towards an ICS/ lead provider system?

Response from Healthier Together Director:

We aren't aware of these requests locally. Multiple individuals from each local authority and Health and Wellbeing Boards are involved in the development as we set out what an ICS means for our system. Fundamentally, we know that working as a partnership across health and care is a critical step in delivering improved services.

Question 7: Cllr Gill Kirk, Lockleaze ward

What systems of democratic accountability and consultation will be put in place as organisations join into an ICS and especially if services are merged to become an ICP?

Response from Healthier Together Director:

This hasn't yet been defined and the Local Authority officers are involved in the development and design.