

NHSEI integrated care publication - proposals for the development of ICSs in England

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Everyone will have seen and read the new integrated care publication from NHSEI by now, and that was a feature of our most recent webinar on integrated care systems (ICSs) which you can watch by following this [link](#). We will also be doing a series of webinars on ICS development in January and February 2021.

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Equally, it is also important to understand that NHSEI still support the proposals for legislative change they put forward in September 2019. Those proposals will enable a fundamentally more flexible system with regard to procurement, competition, patient choice, tariff and the ability for different types of public body to work together. These proposed changes to legislation are important building blocks to meet the aspirations of the Long Term Plan from a legal perspective and it is worth revisiting them to understand how they will fit into the development of your ICS plans.

We would recommend that people do provide their response to NHSEI by Friday 8 January.

If you would like to discuss these proposals and how they impact on the development of your ICS then please contact either [Gerard Hanratty](#) or [Charlotte Harpin](#).

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