

Report title: Changes relating to Integrated Care Board

Meeting	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel
Date	22 July 2026
Cabinet Member (if applicable)	
Key Decision Eligible for Call In	Not applicable
Purpose of Report To provide members of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Panel with an update of the changes that relate to Integrated Care Board (ICB)	
Recommendations - Note the contents of the report provided by representatives of the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. - Consider the implications of the proposed changes for Kirklees residents, patients and stakeholders and identify any areas requiring further scrutiny. - Recommend to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee that a statutory Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be established to scrutinise matters that affect populations across the three local authority areas. - Recommend that the Chair of the Health and Adults Social Care & Children's Scrutiny Panels are appointed as Kirklees Council's representative as members with necessary expertise in line with Kirklees constitution on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, subject to approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. - Recommend that Calderdale Council and Wakefield Council consider making equivalent arrangements to enable the establishment of a statutory joint scrutiny committee.	
Reasons for Recommendations - Members receive appropriate assurance regarding the proposed changes to Integrated Care Board functions, governance, accountability and funding arrangements - There is effective democratic oversight of health services and commissioning decisions that affect residents across more than one local authority area. - Scrutiny arrangements remain proportionate to the scale and complexity of the emerging NHS structures. - Councils can work collaboratively where decisions, services and outcomes extend beyond local authority boundaries - The interests of Kirklees residents continue to be represented within future health governance and accountability arrangements.	
Resource Implication: N/A	
Date signed off by <u>Executive Director</u> & name	N/A

Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)?	N/A

Electoral wards affected: None specific

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes. The report does not include any personal data that identifies an individual.

1. Executive Summary

The Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Panel has requested an update on the significant changes taking place within the NHS, including the reduction in Integrated Care Board (ICB) running costs, changes to governance arrangements, and the emerging operating model for health services across Kirklees. The Panel has previously identified this as a priority area for scrutiny due to the potential implications for local accountability, partnership working, commissioning arrangements, and the delivery of health services within Kirklees.

The report provides Members with an overview of the current position, the proposed future arrangements for the Kirklees Place Provider Partnership and the Integrated Neighbourhood Health Teams, and the implications for Kirklees residents, partners and stakeholders. It also outlines how local influence, oversight and accountability will be maintained as responsibilities and structures evolve.

Members are invited to consider whether enhanced joint scrutiny arrangements should be established with neighbouring authorities to ensure effective democratic oversight of decisions affecting populations across Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield

Key areas for consideration include:

- Future governance and decision-making arrangements.
- Accountability for delivery and performance.
- The impact on health inequalities and prevention activity.
- Financial implications and resource allocation.
- Risks associated with organisational change.
- Arrangements for maintaining local influence and place-based working.
- Implications for partnership working across Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield

2. Information required to take a decision

Not applicable.

3. Implications for the Council

Changes within the ICB may impact the way health, public health, adult social care and wider council services are planned and delivered collaboratively across the system. The Council will need to understand how resources, programmes and commissioning decisions will continue to support efforts to reduce health inequalities and improve outcomes for Kirklees residents, along with maintaining strong place-based partnerships to ensure the needs of Kirklees residents continue to influence strategic decision-making within the evolving ICB arrangements.

3.1 Council Plan

The report supports the Council's ambitions to improve health outcomes, reduce inequalities and work collaboratively with partners to deliver better outcomes for residents. Effective scrutiny and governance arrangements will assist in ensuring that future NHS changes continue to support these objectives.

3.2 Financial Implications

Any future transfer of responsibilities, commissioning arrangements or place-based functions may have implications for council resources and capacity. Members will wish to understand what impact, if any, changes to NHS funding and operating arrangements may have locally.

3.3 Legal Implications

Any future proposals to establish a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would need to comply with the relevant legislation and the Council's Constitution.

3.4 Other (e.g. Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)

There is a risk that changes to ICB structures and resources could reduce local influence, accountability and understanding of the needs of Kirklees residents if appropriate governance and engagement arrangements are not maintained. The report provides Members with an opportunity to seek assurance regarding governance, accountability, risk management and performance arrangements

Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

No specific implications.

4. Consultation

Not applicable.

5. Engagement

Not applicable.

6. Options

Not applicable.

6.1 Options Considered

Not applicable.

6.2 Reasons for recommended Option

Not applicable.

7. Next steps and timelines

That the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Panel takes account of the information presented and considers the next steps it wishes to take.

8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Not applicable

10. Appendices

Attached

11. Service Director responsible

Samantha Lawton – Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning.