

Healthier **Together**



Improving health and care in Bristol,
North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

ICS Strategy and Joint Forward Plan

July 2023



Context

The Integrated Care System Strategy will focus on the delivery of four key aims:

Aim 1: Improve Outcomes in Population Health and Healthcare

Aim 2: Tackle Inequalities in outcomes, experience and access

Aim 3: Enhancing productivity and value for money

Aim 4: Supporting broader social and economic development

- Identifying, understanding, and addressing the drivers of health inequalities within our diverse population is a fundamental reason as to why the System Strategy is being developed.
- This is a system effort.
- Two key documents 1) BNSSG ICS strategy and 2) The Joint forward plan
- This year, due to timing, the Joint forward plan has been produced first, as the strategy gets underway the intention is that the strategy will set the direction and the Joint forward plan will set out how this will be delivered.



Engagement with communities

- In the summer of 2022, we asked local people what helps them to be happy, healthy, and well. We had over 3,000 responses to the exercise, with over 21,000 different comments from those who completed an online survey or attended one of more than 50 community events.
- We worked with our local hospitals, community health, primary care, mental health, local councils, charities, community groups, the voluntary sector, and businesses to help gather these responses.
- Many different people from our communities in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire are represented in the findings.
- The findings have been an integral part of shaping our Strategy, the Joint Forward Plan and Operational Plans, and we are continuing to involve stakeholders as this work develops.



What happens next?

Strategy

- The system wide editorial group co-ordinated the first edition of the Integrated Care System Strategy.
- The strategy was reviewed by the Integrated Care Partnership board on 16 June and agreed with some tweaks to be signed off for the 30th June.

Joint forward plan

- The Joint Forward Plan sets out how the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and provider trusts intend to meet the physical and mental health needs of the population through arranging and/or providing NHS services, supported by local authority and VCSE partners.
- The Joint Forward Plan is structured around the responsibilities of the Health and Care Improvement Groups (HCIGs) and describes how we plan to achieve and deliver the priorities set out in our Strategy over the next five years.

The final documents will be published on 30 June, and will be circulated to all partners.