

The Health and Care bill

- The Health and Care Bill is currently making its way through the parliamentary approvals process.
- It is intended to further support the development of Integrated Care Systems, and make it easier for partners to collaborate to improve health and care for residents.
- It will establish ICSs (which are currently informal collaborations) as statutory bodies.
- The functions currently undertaken by Clinical Commissioning Groups will transfer to ICSs.

A key aim is to build on and further strengthen local collaboration between partners to address health inequalities, sustain joined up, efficient and effective services, and enhance productivity.

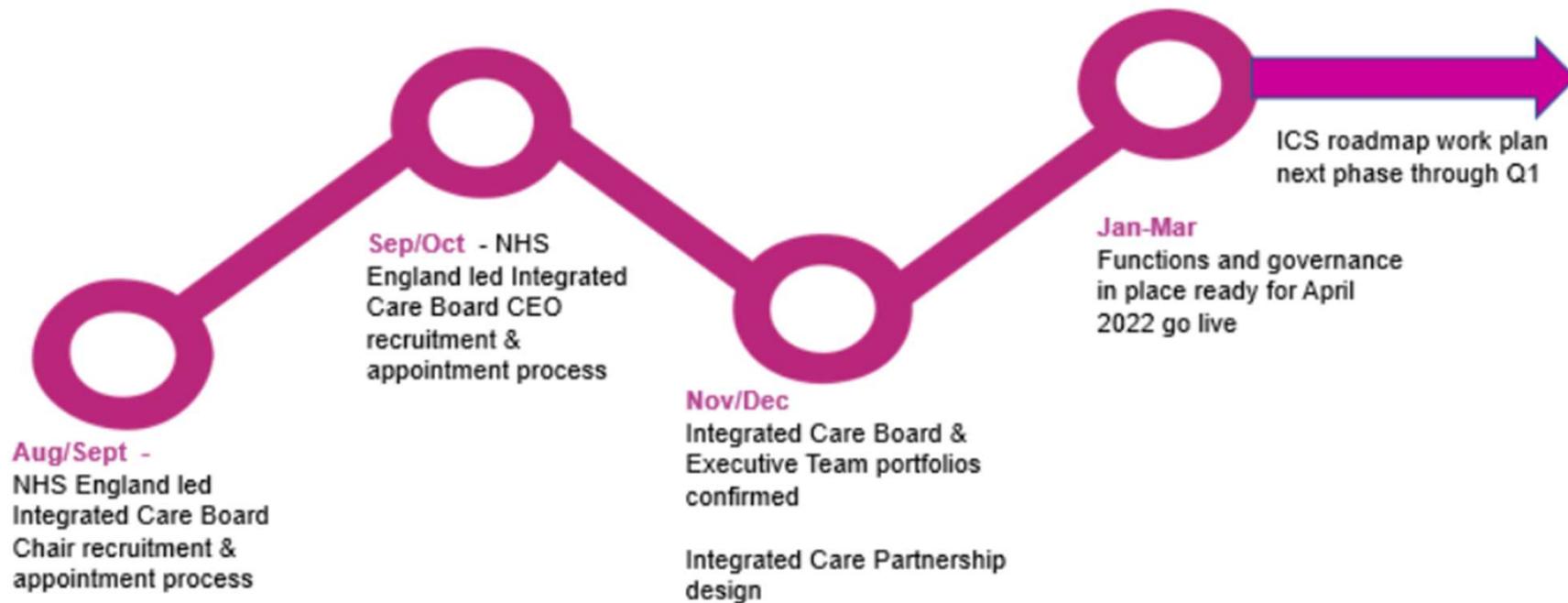
Each ICS will comprise four key elements



Timeline

Integrated Care Systems across the country are working to a timescale of becoming statutory organisations by 1 April 2022, subject to legislation.

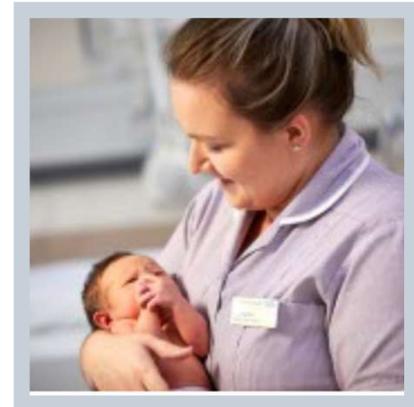
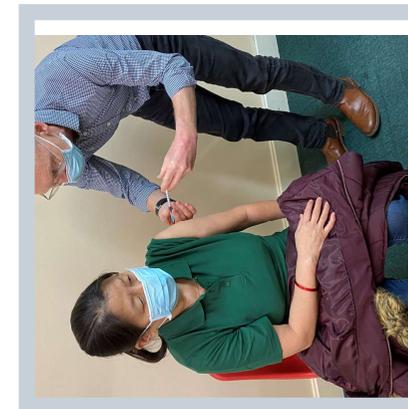
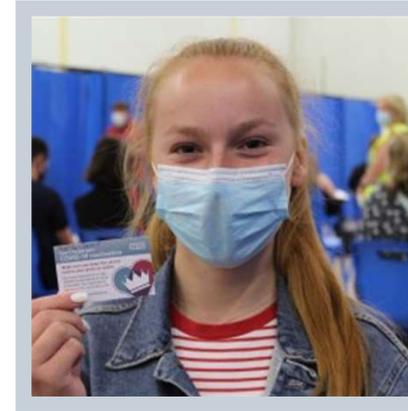
There is a tight timescale to achieve this and some key milestones are outlined below:



Joint Working

We have a long history of the two areas working together across both health but also with Local Authority partners and there are many services already jointly commissioned including Continuing Health Care, children's services and maternity.

We have also more recently strengthened our joint working through our Covid pandemic response and our focus on improving health inequalities



Working together in the future

Situation – We have two integrated care systems in adjacent geographies, both of which are focused on improving population health

Complexity – Local Authority boundaries, combined with historical NHS commissioning arrangements, means that our joint approach to co-ordinating our aims, objectives and approach is not as strong as it could be.

Question – What can we do to ensure that this alignment is strengthened for the benefit of our population and our mutual partners (e.g. HCC)

Answer – Between now and statutory transition in April 2022 we will:

- engage with our partners to find out how we can best work together
 - identify key areas where joint working will have maximum impact
 - design simplified governance and decision making structures
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