NCL ICB Board of Members Meeting (7 February 2023) Questions from the public

Agenda item	Question	ICB response
Item 1.3 Draft Minutes of the NCL ICB Board of Members Meeting on 29 November 2022 Section 2.2	Has [the Delegation of Specialised Commissioning and Pharmacy, Optometry and Dentistry] been formally agreed (on 31/1/23) as stated and by whom?	NHS England have taken the decision to delegate the contract and commissioning function for dental, ophthalmology and community pharmacy services from April 2023. North Central London ICB will be asked to formally agree the transfer of the function in March 2023. In London, North East London ICB will be hosting the function on behalf of London ICBs.
Item 1.3 Draft Minutes of the NCL ICB Board of Members Meeting on 29 November 2022 Section 2.2	As NEL ICB propose running these services will the NCL lose considerable oversight of them and will more private providers be contracted over which NCL has no control?	The contracting team, currently part of the NHS England regional team, will move to be hosted by NEL ICB in 2023. The five London ICBs will be working together, through a detailed MOU, to ensure we continue to contract and monitor the delivery of quality DOP services for our relevant populations. During 2023/24 the focus will be on the transfer of the team and their employment from the regional team to NEL ICB. The five ICBs will also work together to develop future strategy and transformation/improvement opportunities for these services, as we look to embed the delivery to maximise on population health opportunities for those living in NCL.

		Background London ICBs have been through a process to determine and agree which ICB would host, rather than run, the contracting and commissioning function on behalf of all London ICBs. NEL ICB were identified as the host through this process. The team, who are currently employed by NHS England, will transfer to NEL ICB in 2023. The transfer of the team and function from the regional team in NHS England to the NEL ICB team is being underpinned by a Memorandum of Understanding, which describes how the host ICB is expected to work with non-host ICBs, including arrangements for oversight and governance.
Item 1.3 Draft Minutes of the NCL ICB Board of Members Meeting on 29 November 2022 Section 3.1	In draft minutes 29/11/2022 Section 3.1.1 it states: "Steady progress is being made on the primary and community care metrics for waiting times, appointments and health checks." Please advise what the current "metrics" are.	 The metrics are Increasing the proportion of patients waiting less than 18 weeks to start treatment in community services Reducing the number of patients waiting more than 52 weeks to start treatment in community services Increasing the total number of primary care appointments offered Increasing the proportion of residents with serious mental illness or learning difficulties/autism who have received a physical health check in the last 12 months

Item 4.1 Governance changes - reference is made to a "Functions and Decisions Map"	Is this a graphic diagram of how the various committees relate to one another or just a list of Committees? Does that also include how the ICB interacts with local authority committees like the NCL Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee? If so could I have a copy of this?	Under the Constitution, the ICB is required to have a Functions and Decisions Map that sets out a high-level overview of the ICB's governance structure including the ICB's Committees and key strategic partnership forums. The Functions and Decisions map is available on the NCL health and care website: https://nclhealthandcare.org.uk/icb/north-central-london-integrated-care-board/governance-handbook/
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