

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2324/021

**Subject:** Investment Prioritisation in Acute Services

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Has the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board used any specific criteria and/or formula to determine investment prioritisation within acute services for the NHS financial year 2023/24?</p> <p>a. Can the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board disclose the criteria and/or formula used to determine investment prioritisation in acute services for the NHS financial year 2023/24.</p>	<p>There has not been a single, specific criteria or formula for acute services. Investment has taken account of merging strategic priorities, recovery of core services, requirements of NHS England (NHSE) operational plan and long term plan.</p>
<p>2. Has the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board held any formal meetings since July 2022 to discuss the criteria and/or formula used to determine investment prioritisation in acute services?</p> <p>a. Can the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board share a copy</p>	<p>The ICB co-ordinated a system-wide shared operational planning approach to 2023/24. Specific areas of focus that impacted acute services included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planned Care, incorporating Elective Recovery, Diagnostics and Cancer</li> <li>2. Urgent &amp; Emergency Care, jointly with Community Services Transformation, response to NHSE Urgent &amp; Emergency Care Plan</li> </ol>

<p>of the minutes for all meetings which discussed the prioritisation in acute services since July 2022.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Children’s Services</li> <li>4. Maternity Services, via Local Maternity &amp; Neonatal Services Network</li> <li>5. System Capital Planning</li> </ul> <p>Formal decision-making was via ICB Board.</p>
<p>3. Can the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board disclose which person(s) within the ICS/ICB is/are responsible for ensuring the formula that guides investment prioritisation in acute services, as decided by the Advisory Committee on the Resource Allocation, is properly implemented.</p>	<p>ACRA (Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation) formula defines core funding allocations to ICB, but is not a tool, for resource allocation.</p> <p>Investment decisions are approved by ICB Board. The Finance Department provides briefings to Executives on the ACRA allocation formulas</p>
<p>4. Can the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board clarify whether they plan to adhere to the Advisory Committee on the Resource Allocation’s (ACRA) proposed needs-based allocations methodology to determine the distribution of financial resources for its acute services?</p>	<p>ACRA formula is used as a source of information to guide resource allocation decisions, such as reviewing resource use at locality partnership level and as a weighting for investment in Community MH Framework and Discharge to Assess resources.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 4 May 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***