

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/083

Subject: Specialised Commissioning and Joint Committees

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Specialised Commissioning is being devolved to ICBs through joint committee arrangements between ICBs and NHS England (NHSE). I am aware of the policy related to this and to the formation of the ICBs that form the nine Joint Committees with NHSE.</p> <p>Specific information requested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has your ICB formed its arrangements for Joint Committee working? YES/NO 2. If so, could you please send me a copy or direct me to it? (eg via your website or Board papers)? 3. Please name any officers appointed from your ICB to be members of the Joint Committee? 4. Please name the Chair, if known 5. Please name any person appointed to the Joint Committee from NHSE 	<p>As no ICB within the South West will be in a position to take on delegation of specialised services in April 23, therefore a Joint Working Arrangement (JWA) has been drafted.</p> <p>NHS England Board approved the introduction of Joint Working arrangements for those specialised services deemed suitable and ready for greater ICB involvement. The Board also approved the JWA for implementation on 1 April 2023. A copy of this JWA can be requested from specialised commissioning.</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/</p> <p>The JWA sets out the arrangements that will apply between NHS England and the ICBs in relation to the joint commissioning of Specialised Services for the ICBs' Populations. This Agreement is intended for use in the 2023/24 financial year, to govern what are envisaged to be transitional Joint Working arrangements prior to the delegation of specialised commissioning functions from NHS England to ICBs, effective from April 2024.</p>

	<p>The Agreement also sets out the arrangements through which the Partners will work together to exercise the Joint Functions within the Joint Working arrangements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the establishment of a Joint Committee;• the participation by all Partners in the work of the Joint Committee;• the development of leadership and expertise in respect of the Joint Specialised Services; <p>collectively referred to as the “Joint Working arrangements”.</p> <p>BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) can confirm as part of the joint working arrangements 2023/24 that Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer of the ICB, is a member of the joint committee.</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 30 May 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.