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Subject: Service Configuration, Governance and Strategic Priorities

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Section 1: System Structure & Governance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any changes to your commissioning or service delivery structures in the past 24 months (including mergers, hosted services, or collaborative arrangements)? 2. Are any services related to respiratory, transplant, or rare diseases commissioned or managed collaboratively (e.g. regional networks, hosted models, or lead-commissioner arrangements)? 3. Are there any planned organisational or governance changes affecting these service areas over the next 12–24 months? 	<p>To note – this response focuses on respiratory services. For information related to Transplant Services or Rare Disease Services please contact NHS England (NHSE) Specialised Commissioning; england.contactus@nhs.net</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There have been no changes to the respiratory services delivered in BNSSG in the last 24 months. Respiratory services are currently commissioned from North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) and University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) and include general respiratory and specialist respiratory care pathways. Community based respiratory services are provided by Sirona care and health. 2. Services noted in question 1 are commissioned by BNSSG ICB. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note - there is information available online that describes the Rare disease collaborative networks NHS commissioning » Rare disease collaborative networks 3. BNSSG ICB and Gloucestershire ICB will merge over the next 12-24 months. Subject to approval, NBT and UHBW will

	<p>merge from 1 July 2026. At this stage there is no indication of change to the respiratory service area.</p>
<p>Section 2: Roles, Committees & Decision-Making</p> <p>4. Which committees or governance groups hold responsibility for pathway design and medicines optimisation in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ respiratory services ○ transplant services ○ rare disease services? <p>5. Are there any named clinical leads, programme leads or specialist roles associated with these service areas?</p> <p>6. Have any new roles or groups been established in the past 18 months that influence pathway design or medicines decision-making?</p>	<p>Please contact NHSE directly for Transplant Services and Rare Disease Services - https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/</p> <p>4. Governance groups for pathway design depends on provider and / or type or scale of change. Governance groups that perform a system function, led by the ICB include the Elective Recovery Operational Delivery Group and the Acute Health and Care Improvement Group.</p> <p>5. Please contact the individual service providers for details of clinical leads and service leads. NBT: FOIArequests@nbt.nhs.uk UHBW: FreedomOfInfo@uhbw.nhs.uk Sirona: sirona.hello@nhs.net</p> <p>6. No new groups have been established for respiratory service pathway design at the system level.</p>
<p>Section 3: Strategic Priorities & Pressures</p> <p>7. Please list any published strategies, transformation programmes or priority documents currently relevant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ respiratory services ○ transplant services ○ rare disease services. 	<p>There are no ICB strategies, programmes or priority documents relating to respiratory services (including COPD).</p>

<p>8. Are any of these services currently subject to financial recovery, service sustainability review, or workforce mitigation activity?</p> <p>9. Are national or regional policy initiatives currently influencing planning in these areas?</p>	
<p>Section 4: Respiratory Services</p> <p>10. Are respiratory services currently undergoing pathway review or service redesign (e.g. community respiratory, diagnostics, prevention, or virtual wards)?</p> <p>11. Which respiratory disease areas are identified as priorities within current planning documents (if applicable)?</p>	<p>There are no current pathway review or service redesign projects for Respiratory services.</p>
<p>Section 5: Rare Disease & Transplant Services</p> <p>12. How are rare diseases and transplant services overseen within your organisation (e.g. specialist pathways, regional networks, named leads, or national commissioning arrangements)?</p>	<p>Please contact NHSE as per response above (section 2)</p> <p>Please contact providers directly as per contact information above (section 2).</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 13 May 2026 and has been approved for release by Caroline Dawe, Deputy Director of Performance and Delivery, Acute and Integrated Care, MHLDA and EPRR for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.