

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/052

Subject: DES Local Variations 2026/27

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I would like to ask a further question in relation to the variation to the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) published on 30 April 2026 by NHS England.</p> <p>Please could you confirm whether your Integrated Care Board intends to submit any requests for Local Variation Arrangements (DES LV) for 2026/27.</p> <p>If applicable, I would also appreciate any available information on:</p>	
<p>1. Whether any such requests have already been submitted or are planned</p>	<p>The ICB does not currently intend to submit any requests for Local Variation Arrangements for the 2026/27 DES, however we will keep this position under review.</p>
<p>1. Which Primary Care Networks (PCNs), if any, are expected to be included</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>2. The current status of any proposed Local Variation Arrangements</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

<p>3. In addition, where requests have been submitted or are planned, I would be grateful if you could provide any available business logic or supporting guidance similar to QOF/DES specifications. In particular, this would include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The specific measure(s) b. The relevant patient cohort(s) c. Detailed business logic (in a QOF-like format), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dataset specification o Patient/cohort selection criteria o Clinical (SNOMED) codes or code clusters o Indicator rules d. Reporting templates e. Funding allocation for each measure <p>If this information is not yet finalised, I would be grateful for any indicative plans or discussions available.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 21 May 2026 and has been approved for release by Jenny Bowker, Deputy Director of Performance Delivery, Primary Care and Children’s Services for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.