

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/131

Subject: Changes in Workforce Delivering Statutory Functions (Safeguarding, SEND, CHC)

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1) What is the name of your ICB?	Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG)
2) Is your ICB clustering or merging with any other ICBs? If so, with which ones?	BNSSG ICB is in the process of clustering with Gloucestershire ICB (GICB). Formal merger will take place next financial year.
3) How many whole time equivalent staff were employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for children, measured as the number of designated professionals, prior to the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If ICBs have already been merged, please provide an aggregate figure from the ICBs prior to merger.	2.80 WTE
4) How many whole time equivalent staff were employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for adults, measured as the number of designated professionals, prior to the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head?	2.80 WTE

If ICBs have already been merged, please provide an aggregate figure from the ICBs prior to merger.	
5) How many whole time equivalent staff were employed to deliver the statutory SEND function, measured as the number of designated clinical officers, prior to the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If ICBs have already been merged, please provide an aggregate figure from the ICBs prior to merger.	1 WTE CHC equivalent staff member was employed to deliver the statutory SEND function, measured as the number of designated clinical officers.
6) How many whole time equivalent staff were employed to deliver the statutory Continuing Healthcare/All Age Continuing Care function prior to the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If ICBs have already been merged, please provide an aggregate figure from the ICBs prior to merger.	There were 66.3 whole time equivalent staff employed to deliver the statutory Continuing Healthcare/All Age Continuing Care function.
7) How many whole time equivalent staff will be, or are currently proposed to be, employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for children, measured as the number of designated professionals, following the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If functions are being clustered or merged, please provide the organisation-wide figure for the cluster or merged organisation.	The ICB is currently going through a process of organisational change and until this is completed, we are unable to provide a response to organisation-wide cluster.

8) How many whole time equivalent staff will be, or are currently proposed to be, employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for adults, measured as the number of designated professionals, following the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If functions are being clustered or merged, please provide the organisation-wide figure for the cluster or merged organisation.	The ICB is currently going through a process of organisational change and until this is completed, we are unable to provide a response to organisation-wide cluster.
9) How many whole time equivalent staff will be, or are currently proposed to be, employed to deliver the statutory SEND function, measured as the number of designated clinical officers, following the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If functions are being clustered or merged, please provide the organisation-wide figure for the cluster or merged organisation.	The ICB is currently going through a process of organisational change and until this is completed, we are unable to provide a response to organisation-wide cluster.
10) How many whole time equivalent staff will be, or are currently proposed to be, employed to deliver the statutory Continuing Healthcare/All Age Continuing Care function following the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If functions are being clustered or merged, please provide the organisation-wide figure for the cluster or merged organisation.	The ICB is currently going through a process of organisational change and until this is completed, we are unable to provide a response to organisation-wide cluster.

11) How many children live in your ICB footprint?	In latest data held by the ICB (July 2026), there are 232,880 patients registered at any GP practice who are under the age of 18. This represents around 21% of the total resident patient population (1.1m) Source: PDS The latest actual health area population estimate statistics are here: Health geographies population estimates (Accredited official statistics) - Office for National Statistics
12) What is size of the population your ICB or ICB cluster will serve after the restructuring?	BNSSG ICB and Gloucestershire ICB combined has a weighted population of >1.5 million.

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 28 July 2026 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Clinical Leadership and Delivery Officer (Nursing) for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.