

Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on 6 July 2023

1.	Questioner: County Councillor Dr Erica Lewis	Respondent: County Councillor Sue Whittam (on behalf of County Councillor Graham Gooch)
	<p>Item 13 – Lancashire Place Integration Deal</p> <p>Noting that in order to make the proposed delegations work, it is important to identify local government bodies that cover but do not overlap across the ICB area, will the Cabinet member agree to ask the ICB to update its presentations to recognise, as it does every time it is asked, that these boundaries are porous and that NHS and Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise sector delivery does not adhere to these boundaries? One small update in the presentation would give reassurance that this concern had been properly heard & acknowledged.</p>	<p>It is recognised that boundaries, wherever we draw them on a map, are never perfect and will not meet the needs of all interested parties. However, in Lancashire we recognise the great opportunity that alignment of the Place boundary with the upper tier footprint has given us, and are working with district council colleagues as well as other providers and partners to make the most of that opportunity.</p> <p>We recognise that some organisations will inevitably deliver services across a number of Places, and want to give reassurance that from a Place perspective we are working well with Blackpool Place and the South Cumbria Place in the North and with Blackburn with Darwen in the East as well as the Cheshire and Merseyside system in the West. For example, this can include working with NHS Providers (such as a Hospital Trust) that covers more than one Place, to co-ordinate conversations about services so we can work with them together to consider and manage any implications.</p>



		<p>As we progress with the Place Integration Deal and look to do more closer to our communities, it is right that we recognise and are cognisant of all those organisations (be it NHS or voluntary, community and faith sector) that cover a different or wider geography and work with them. This should help, on a practical level, those organisations as Cllr Lewis mentions that do cover more than one Place, to work effectively for the benefit of creating seamless services for our residents.</p> <p>In terms of the specifics, it is noted that the slides provided with the Cabinet report today are the standard set for all Places – however, we can commit to both recognising the nature of cross boundary working for our residents and partners in practice, and to note this in future documents, where it is appropriate, to give the reassurance that we are aware of and will work with organisations across the wider system.</p>
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