

Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on **11 July 2024**

1.	Questioner: County Councillor Erica Lewis	Respondent: County Councillor Michal Green
	<p><u>Item 23 - Lancashire Place Plan</u></p> <p>Cllr Green and others may recall that I had undertaken to stop raising the issue of the Bay as one of our places, as long as acknowledgement was made in this and other documents that the natural geography for partnerships and the delivery of health and well-being services from Lancaster looks north around Morecambe Bay shaped by our community, the footprint of the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Trust, and the Integrated Care Board itself. I understand the administrative tidiness of having four places within Lancashire's bounds, but the historical ties of these communities is stronger than administrative boundaries. Why is this acknowledgement not included in this document as I have repeatedly been assured it would be, and will it be amended in this meeting to keep the commitments previously made?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question. Partners within the Integrated Care System, including the county council and the NHS, fully recognise the wide range of differing natural boundaries and communities within the Lancashire Place and that cut across Place boundaries. These natural boundaries are always fully taken account of in working with those communities and in delivering services. We recognise that some organisations will inevitably deliver services across a number of Places, and 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>

