

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/262

Subject: ICB Regulator

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Could tell me how NHS England is currently regulating the BNSSG ICB; how they instruct the ICB to comply with the law; how the ICB complies; how often the ICB is contacted by NHS England; when did it last contact the ICB? Are there inspections? Do Board members get notified?</p>	<p>Under the National Health Service Act NHS England (NHSE) has statutory accountability for oversight of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). More information can be found on the NHS England website:</p> <p>NHS England » NHS enforcement guidance</p> <p>The NHS Oversight Framework describes the NHSE approach to oversight of ICBs and this can be found on the NHSE website:</p> <p>NHS England » NHS Oversight Framework 2022/23</p> <p>NHSE is required to undertake an annual assessment of ICBs, more information regarding the approach can be found on the NHSE website:</p> <p>NHS England » Annual assessment of integrated care boards 2022-23: supporting guidance</p> <p>The BNSSG ICB assessment for 2022/23 was published as part of the Chief Executive's report at the September 2023 ICB Board</p>

	<p>meeting. The annual assessment reflects the NHSE view on how the ICB has discharged its statutory duties. The assessment can be found here: https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/5-Chief-Executive-Officers-Report-ICB-Board-September-2023.pdf</p> <p>A member of NHSE is a regular participant on the BNSSG ICB Board.</p> <p>Routine dialogue takes place between the ICB and NHSE at regional and national levels and NHSE will formally write to ICB executives where there is a requirement to take action on a particular matter. Such requirements are often referenced in publicly available Board papers an example can be found here: https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/06.4-Assignment-of-Leadership-Roles-ICB-Board-July-2023.pdf</p> <p>For more information on how NHS England discharges its duties relating to oversight of ICBs, the ICB would direct the requester to NHS England: england.contactus@nhs.net</p>
<p>Prior to 1/7/2022, can you tell me, the same as above, but as a CCG. Has there been any change?</p>	<p>NHSE was responsible for the oversight of CCGs until 1st July 2022, and managed its relationship with the CCG in a similar manner to the arrangements in place with the ICB.</p> <p>The Constitutions and functions of the CCG and ICB are different, and this includes the Board membership.</p> <p>As with the ICB, these annual assessments would be presented to the CCG Governing Body as part of the meeting papers. The CCG Governing Body papers can be found on the National Archive:</p>

	[ARCHIVED CONTENT] NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire CCG (nationalarchives.gov.uk)
I am not familiar with how a regulator works, so perhaps you could fill me in on this with as much information as possible as you have.	For more information on how NHS England discharges its duties relating to oversight of ICBs, the ICB would direct the requester to NHS England: england.contactus@nhs.net
I assume the the ICB's income and expenditure, highest salary, etc, can be found on-line	Information on the ICB's accounts including salary ranges can be found here: https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/QUY_ICB_Annual_Report_22-23_FINAL.pdf

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 30 October 2023 and has been approved for release by Rob Hayday, Chief of Staff for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.