

Dear colleague,

## **North East and North Cumbria Joint Forward Plan**

Following the publication of our Integrated Care Strategy in December 2022, we have been working closely with our partner organisations to produce our Joint Forward Plan.

The integrated care strategy requires a sustained collaboration across a broad range of partners and stakeholders, beyond the improvements to outcomes that health and care services can deliver in isolation.

Our draft Joint Forward Plan is complementary to the Integrated Care Partnership Strategy. It is a delivery plan for the parts of our strategy related particularly to NHS delivered or commissioned services, but within the broader partnership context.

Publication of this plan is a national requirement for all Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and partner Foundation Trusts covering the period 2023/24 – 2028/29.

Our Joint Forward Plan provides:

- A strategic overview of our key priorities and objectives for the medium term.
- A high-level summary of our priorities and objectives.
- A summary of the work programmes we will deliver to achieve our medium-term objectives.

As part of our Joint Forward Plan, we have developed detailed action plans for each of:

- The integrated care strategy goals.
- The integrated care strategy enablers.
- Our local authority place.
- Our service areas, e.g. urgent and emergency care and mental health.

In the same spirit as we have engaged with our system partners to create our integrated care strategy, we are seeking feedback and views from you on the plans that will now deliver these ambitions.

Professor Sir Liam Donaldson  
Chair

Samantha Allen  
Chief Executive

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Please see below link to the Joint Forward Plan on the North East and North Cumbria ICB website [draft-joint-forward-plan-202324-202829.pdf \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://www.northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/draft-joint-forward-plan-202324-202829.pdf)

Could we please ask for your assistance in returning any comments by **31 August 2023**, sending all feedback to our ICP Planning mailbox [necsu.icbplanning@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.icbplanning@nhs.net)

Once we have received all feedback, it is our intention to re-publish in September. We will also continue review and update our Joint Forward Plan each year going forward and will publish a revised version every March in line with the national guidance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Allen', written in a cursive style.

**Samantha Allen**  
**Chief Executive**