Achieving integration: reflections from the new ICSs

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The ICS Network

The Integrated Care Systems (ICS) Network is an **independent national network** which supports ICS leaders to exchange ideas, share experiences and challenges, and influence the national agenda.

It is the only national network that brings together the leaders of health and care systems which enables us to support engagement across ICSs, promote effective system working, and share ideas and best practice across ICSs in England.

We are pleased to have all 42 ICSs in membership.

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A reminder of the context

Four key purposes:

1. Improving population health and healthcare
2. Tackling unequal outcomes and access
3. Enhancing productivity and value for money
4. Helping the NHS to support broader social and economic development

Massive variation in size/complexity

North East and North Cumbria ICS

Population of 3.1m

14 local authorities

11 NHS Foundation Trusts

64 Primary Care Networks

Somerset ICS

Population of 0.6m

1 local authority

2 NHS Foundation Trusts

13 Primary Care Networks

Some early priorities

Establishment

ICS strategy

Here and now challenges

Relationship development

Opportunities

- Strong support for reforms
- Focus on health in its broadest sense
- Greater partnership and engagement
- ICSs as an influential voice

Some of the key risks

Implications

For ICSs	For national partners
Split-screen thinking	New operating model – focus on subsidiarity
Partnership development	Realism reset
System leadership	System risk

Thank you

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