



Healthcare Systems Within Somerset



Somerset Safeguarding
Children Partnership

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NHS England (NHSE)

NHS England provides national leadership for the NHS. Through seven integrated regional teams NHS England supports local Integrated Care Systems (ICS's) to improve the health of the population, improve the quality of care, tackle inequalities and deliver care more efficiently.



Somerset Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) have been established as the new statutory organisations to lead integration within the NHS and are responsible for planning and delivering local health and care services. This includes representatives from local councils, the NHS and partners including the voluntary sector. The new NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board (ICB) takes on the legal duties of Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group in the planning, performance, financial management and transformation of the local NHS.



Primary Care Networks

GP practices are working together with community, mental health, social care, pharmacy, hospital and voluntary services in their local areas in groups of practices known as **primary care networks (PCNs)**. 13 Primary Care Networks have been established in Somerset and each has a Clinical Director who is either a GP or a Nurse Practitioner working in the locality.

Public Health

Since 2013 local authorities have taken on responsibility for public health from the NHS. In Somerset public health objectives are to reduce health inequalities and increase life expectancy, through a wide range of targeted public health programmes to promote better health. Specialist Public Health **School Nurses** and **Health Visitors** work directly alongside families, children and communities to identify needs early, provide supportive interventions and sign post to the right help in order to improve outcomes for children.

Somerset Integrated Care System (ICS)

An **Integrated Care System (ICS)** brings together NHS organisations, local councils, and wider partners in a defined geographical area to deliver more joined up approaches to improving health and care outcomes. The ICS is made up of two key bodies: the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and the Integrated Care Board (ICB).

The partner organisations in Somerset's Integrated Care Partnership include:

- **Somerset Integrated Care Board (NHS Somerset)**
- **Somerset County Council**
- **Somerset GP Provider Board**
- **Somerset Healthwatch**
- **Somerset NHS Foundation Trust**
- **Voluntary and Community Social Enterprise**

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

In April 2023, **Somerset NHS Foundation Trust** and Yeovil District NHS Foundation Trust merged.

The new organisation is responsible for running Yeovil Hospital, Musgrove Park Hospital, community hospitals and services, mental health services and a quarter of GP practices in Somerset.



NHS-Led Provider Collaboratives: specialised mental health, learning disability and autism services

NHS-Led Provider Collaboratives work to ensure that people with specialist mental health, learning disability and autism needs experience high quality, specialist care, as close to home as appropriately possible, which is connected with local teams and support networks. Specialist care is provided in the community to prevent people being in hospital if they don't need to be and to enable people to leave hospital when they are ready.