

South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System response to Healthwatch Sheffield's 'Experiences of health and care in Sheffield's trans community' report.

Thank you for sharing Healthwatch Sheffield's 'Experiences of health and care in Sheffield's trans community' report.

The ICS is not a statutory organisation but a partnership of the health and care partners in the region and does not directly commission services. However, we do have a role in regional strategic planning and are currently involving all our partners and the public in discussions on how we can best respond to the NHS Long Term Plan (the SYB ICS Five Year Plan, due in the Autumn). We also have programmes of work that focus on areas where even more closer working together can make a difference, such as primary care, elective and diagnostics, mental health and learning disabilities, cancer and hospital services. Any recommendations to change how services are currently provided would be considered by the South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw, Wakefield and North Derbyshire Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups (JCCCG), which is a joint commissioning committee within the footprint of the ICS.

The recommendations in the Sheffield report are timely and of significance to not just commissioners in Sheffield but all the partners within the ICS and we will ensure the report is widely shared across the ICS so that these are taken into account when commissioning and providing services. We will also consider it as feedback to inform our Five Year Plan. We also recognise the importance of increasing support in primary care and while we do not have governance that enables us to directly request this, we can ask our primary care steering board (which is made up of our partners) to consider how they can take forward the recommendation.

Finally, I would like to reassure you that the experiences of the trans communities in NHS services in all our Places (Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield) are considered as part of our involvement work within the ICS work programmes with any feedback informing our reports to steering groups, programme boards and, where change is proposed, to the JCCCG. The report will be taken into consideration if, and when, the JCCCG looks at proposals to changes to region-wide services.