

**Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West CCGs
Governing Bodies meetings in common
9 June 2022 (in public)**

Action Required

Governing Body members provide a response to the public questions submitted in advance of the 9 June 2022 meeting.

Questions submitted: 6 June 2022

No	Questions / Comments	Responder
No.1	<p>Question: ICB draft constitution</p> <p>There is a discrepancy between the statement on the dedicated engagement website stating that 'Our final version [of the draft constitution] will be submitted on 27 May' and this sentence that states that 'Final draft ICB constitution was submitted to NHSE on 20 May; this was subsequently approved and will become part of the establishment order.' (9 June Board meeting, Item 17, 4.1)</p> <p>a) How does the Board reconcile these apparently contradictory pieces of information?</p> <p>b) How can the Board reassure those members of the public who submitted a response to the draft constitution <i>after</i> the 20 May date, but <i>before</i> the apparent deadline of 27 May that their time and efforts were not in vain, and that they will be heard?</p>	
Response	<p>a) The national deadline for submission to NHSE was 27 May but it had to be submitted to the Regional office for review on 20 May.</p> <p>b) Any comments received that were not able to be addressed prior to 20 May will be fed into the first review the ICB undertakes of the constitution.</p>	
No.2	<p>Question: BOB ICS financial gap</p> <p>A report in the Health Service Journal (31 May 2022) stated that 'Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire West has so far been allocated an additional £28m – its initial deficit plan was around £60m. A spokesperson said the final total received could be slightly larger, but members were "working together to establish how to cover the rest of the financial gap".'</p>	

	https://www.hsj.co.uk/finance-and-efficiency/icss-face-1bn-gap-in-first-year-despite-new-money/7032544.article a) How does the Board explain this report and comment from a BOB ICS spokesperson acknowledging a significant deficit against the backdrop of the financial reports from the three CCGS claiming surpluses? https://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/board-meetings/board-meeting-9-june-2022/610195 [Items 12 -12c (I)]	
Response	The difference between the two sets of figures exists because they relate to two different financial years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The surpluses were in the last financial year (2021/22) • The gap is for the current financial year (2022/23) 	
No.3	Supplementary Question to No.2 What impact will this financial gap have on access, availability, and quality of health services across the BOB ICS area?	
Response	The 2022/23 Operational and Financial Plans was presented to the Establishment Board meeting of the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West ICB and can be found here . This highlights that cost reductions will need to be identified across NHS partners during the financial year.	