

HOSC – 26 JANUARY 2026
RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Questions

1. David Sandbach

Question:

- 1) Will the recommendations in the report be subject to **public consultation**.

The LCS Review will include rigorous Integrated Impact Assessments (IIAs), which will assess how any proposed change to services may impact patients. The findings from these assessments will be used to determine the appropriate level of engagement, ensuring that any activity is proportionate to the scale and impact of the proposed changes.

- 2) Will the report and recommendations in the report be subject to approval at a full meeting of the ST&W ICB or will the report and recommendations be approved by the ST&W ICB **Primary Care Commissioning Committee**

Any proposals arising from the LCS Review will be subject to approval through the Commissioning Working Group (CWG). The Primary Care Commissioning Group reports into the CWG, and therefore recommendations will follow this established governance route rather than being approved directly at a full meeting of the STW ICB Board.

- 3) How will the report and recommendations empower patients?

The LCS Review is being undertaken with the primary aim of improving patient outcomes and ensuring greater consistency across services. The review will help to level the playing field for patients by ensuring equity of access regardless of location, thereby addressing the current 'postcode lottery'. It will also reduce unwarranted variation in clinical services and ensure that services are more closely aligned with national best practice, ultimately empowering patients through fairer, more consistent, and higher-quality care.