

ICB changes from 1 April 2026

From 1 April 2026, NHS England will move from the current 42-ICB model to 26, with 6 new ICBs being created, 12 existing ICBs abolished, and 1 existing ICB boundary changed as part of a wider shift to leaner strategic commissioning and closer alignment with devolution and strategic authority footprints. The remaining ICBs will continue with informal clustering arrangements.

NB. *The new Thames Valley ICB and Central East ICB, may be reviewed in future to allow for alignment with any future strategic authorities, and newly established unitary authorities resulting from local government reorganisation.*

Next summer, as Local Government Reform progresses, they plan to decide further ICB mergers and boundary changes to come into effect on 1 April 2027.

Sources:

- [NHS England » More about each integrated care system](#)
- [Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#)

New ICB's

- **Central East**
 - Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB; Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB; Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB
- **Essex**
 - Mid and South Essex ICB; West Essex; North East Essex
- **Norfolk and Suffolk**
 - Norfolk and Waveney ICB; Suffolk and North East Essex ICB
- **Surrey and Sussex**
 - Surrey Heartlands ICB; Sussex ICB; Surrey wards from Frimley ICB
- **Thames Valley**
 - Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West ICB; with part of Frimley ICB (including East Berkshire)
- **West and North London**
 - North Central London ICB; North West London ICB
- **Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Clustering / boundary change):**
 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB; Hampshire wards from Frimley ICB

This results in the formal abolition of the following ICBs: Hertordshire and West Essex; Suffolk and North East Essex; Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes; Mid and South Essex; Norfolk and Waveney; North Central London; North East London; Frimley; Surrey Heartlands; Sussex; and Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West.

Full List of the 26 ICB’s From 1st April

Status - From 1 st April 2026	ICB / Cluster Name	Made up of
Clustering	Birmingham and Solihull; Black Country	Birmingham and Solihull ICB + Black Country ICB
Clustering	Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire; Gloucestershire	Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB + Gloucestershire ICB
Clustering	Coventry and Warwickshire; and Herefordshire and Worcestershire	Coventry and Warwickshire ICB + Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB
Clustering	Derby and Derbyshire; Lincolnshire; Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	Derby and Derbyshire ICB + Lincolnshire ICB + Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB
Clustering	Devon; Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	Devon ICB + Cornwall and Isles of Scilly ICB
Clustering	Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland; Northamptonshire	Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB + Northamptonshire ICB
Clustering	Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin; Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent	Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin ICB + Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB
Clustering	Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire; Dorset; and Somerset	Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB + Dorset ICB + Somerset ICB
Clustering	Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB + Hampshire wards from Frimley ICB
Clustering	South East London ICB with South West London ICB	South East London + South West London
New ICB	Central East	Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB + Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB, with part of Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB
New ICB	Essex	Mid and South Essex ICB + West Essex + North East Essex
New ICB	Norfolk and Suffolk	Norfolk and Waveney ICB + parts of Suffolk and North East Essex ICB
New ICB	Surrey and Sussex	Surrey Heartlands ICB + Sussex ICB + Surrey wards from Frimley ICB
New ICB	Thames Valley	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West ICB + Parts of Frimley ICB (incl. East Berkshire)
New ICB	West and North London	North Central London ICB + North West London ICB
No change	Cheshire and Merseyside	N/A
No change	Greater Manchester	N/A
No change	Humber and North Yorkshire	N/A
No change	Kent and Medway	N/A
No change	Lancashire and South Cumbria	N/A
No change	North East and North Cumbria	N/A
No change	North East London	N/A
No change	South Yorkshire	N/A
No change	West Yorkshire	N/A

This policy briefing has been produced for local infrastructure organisations (LIOs) and ICS–VCSE Alliances. It summarises key messages and highlights the implications for strengthening the role of the local VCSE sector within health and care systems. It is intended to be shared across local and system networks, supporting those working to strengthen the role of the VCSE sector within health and care, with a particular focus on the contribution of local VCSE organisations.



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