



Cheshire and Merseyside
Integrated Care Board

Independent Non-Executive Member

Applicant information pack

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We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all. We believe that the best boards are those that reflect the communities they serve.

We prioritise Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, team health and wellbeing and the principles of kind leadership in our 'ways of working'. All postholders will have a key role in nurturing this culture. Appointment will be made on merit after a fair and open process so that the best people, from the widest possible pool of applicants, are appointed.

1. The opportunity

Integrated care systems (ICSs) are partnerships of health and care organisations, local government, and the voluntary sector. They exist to improve population health, tackle health inequalities, enhance productivity and help the NHS support broader social and economic development. They will take on statutory form following the implementation of proposed legislation from April 2022 and will comprise an Integrated Care Board (ICB) which will take on the CCGs' functions and broader strategic responsibility for setting healthcare strategies for the system. The ICB will work with an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) committee formed jointly with Local Authority Partners. Together the ICP and ICB will become the ICS. We are looking for candidates who will work with the chair of the non-statutory ICS (and later with the chair of the statutory ICB), and subject to legislation, support the proposed establishment of each system's new statutory arrangements as a designate non-executive member of the ICB.

Originally created as part of the NHS's [NHS Long Term Plan](#), there are 42 ICSs covering the whole of England, each serving between 500,000 and three million people. Each will hold a substantial budget for commissioning high quality patient care and driving health and care improvements for their communities. As a non-executive member, you will provide a creative and innovative contribution to the board by providing independent oversight and constructive challenge. In this instance NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB is seeking to appoint a non-executive member, with a broad clinical perspective and understanding of the current challenges and opportunities facing the sector. You will have recent senior or board level experience as a clinician and deep interest in patient safety matters

You will work alongside other non-executives and executive colleagues as an equal member of the board. The ICS needs diverse, inclusive and compassionate leaders who not only reflect the community they serve and the staff employed but have the leadership style and breadth of perspective to make good collective decisions.

There is emphatic evidence that diverse boards make the best decisions. We want to increase the diversity of NHS board teams. In non-executive roles nationally, it is known that women, people from the local Black Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, LGBTQ+ communities, younger people and those with lived experience of disability are all under-represented. We want a change and we are really interested in receiving applications from people with different backgrounds, skills and experience.

2. About us

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB is a highly complex organisation serving a population of over 2.5 million people across nine Places (Boroughs including local Authorities), 17 NHS Provider organisations, 51 PCNs plus North West Ambulance service as well as third sector and voluntary organisations. Cheshire and Merseyside is the third largest ICS in the country, and in regard to scope of organisations the ICS is double the size of the next largest ICS.

Our Vision, Mission and Aims

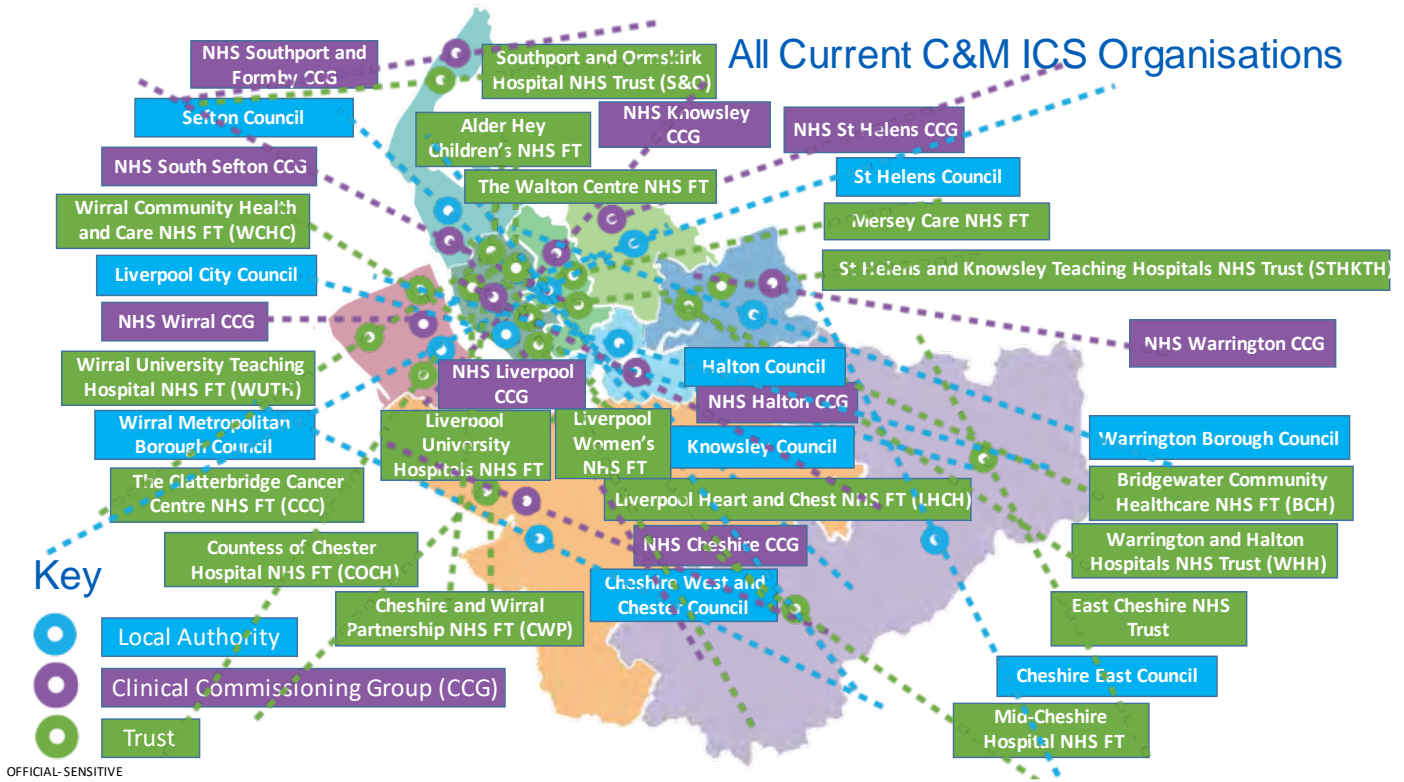
Vision: We want everyone in Cheshire and Merseyside to have a great start in life and get the support they need to stay healthy and live longer

Mission: We will tackle health inequalities and improve the lives of our poorest fastest. We believe we can do this best by working in partnership

Aims: Improve the health and wellbeing of local people

- Shift from an illness focus to a health and wellbeing model
- Provide better joined up care, closer to home

All Current C&M ICS Organisations

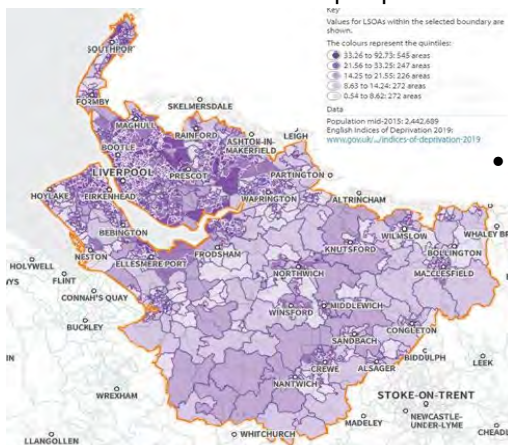


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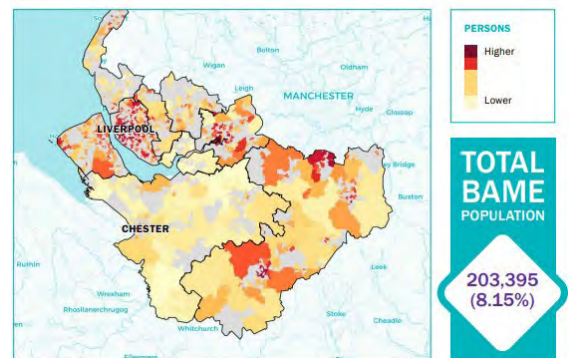
Cheshire and Merseyside Footprint Overview

- 2.6 million people
- Similar age structure to England
 - More young people in Liverpool
 - More older people in Sefton and Cheshire East



- Deprivation levels vary significantly across the sub-region

BAME population size and incidence



<https://www.cheshireandmerseysidepartnership.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Ethnicity-profiles-in-Cheshire-Merseyside.pdf>

3. Role priorities, accountabilities, responsibilities and competencies

Please note: the following role description is dependent on legislation. Appointees will be taken on in the first instance as designate independent non-executive member(s) of the anticipated NHS ICB. Final appointment to the role of independent non-executive member of the ICB, as described below, would be dependent on the passage of the Health and Care Bill, and any potential amendments made to that Bill.

Priorities

The independent non-executive members will:

- work collaboratively to shape the long-term, viable plan for the delivery of the functions, duties and objectives of the ICB and for the stewardship of public money.
- ensure that the Board of the ICB is effective in all aspects of its role and appropriately focused on the four core purposes, to: improve outcomes in population health and healthcare; tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access; enhance productivity and value for money and help the NHS support broader social and economic development.
- be a champion of new governance arrangements (including the ICP), collaborative leadership and effective partnership working with local government, NHS bodies and the voluntary sector.

Accountabilities

The independent non-executive members:

- Are accountable to the Chair of the ICB and ICB Board.
- Have a collective responsibility with the other members of the ICB Board to ensure corporate accountability for the performance of the organisation, ensuring its functions are effectively and efficiently discharged and its financial obligations are met.
- Support the Chair and the wider Board with strong leadership on issues that impact upon organisations and workforce across the ICS, including integration, the People agenda, Digital transformation, Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) and Covid-19 challenges.
- Play a key role in establishing the anticipated new statutory arrangements for the ICS ensuring that the ICB meets its statutory duties, building strong partnerships and governance arrangements with system partners, including the ability to take on commissioning functions from CCGs and NHS England.

4. Role responsibilities and competencies

Strategy and transformation

- As a member of the ICB Board, contributes to setting the vision, strategy and clear objectives for the ICB in delivering on the four core purposes of the ICS and the triple aim of improved population health, quality of care and cost-control, and the body's statutory responsibilities.
- Supports leading the system through aligning partners in the implementation of the [Long Term Plan](#) and the [People Plan](#), overseeing progress against their objectives.
- Represents and articulates the vision for the ICS, as an ambassador, in a wider system or regional context.

Partnerships and communities

- Is an ambassador for system working and mutual accountability, building strong partnerships and supporting the Chair of the ICB to promote effective dialogue and consensus with local government and broader partners to ensure joint planning and delivery.
- Supports the Chair to establish the ICP with the partners, establishing strong relationships between the ICB Board and the ICP.
- Supports the Chair to ensure the success of the ICP, including establishing shared strategic priorities within the NHS in partnership with local government to tackle population health challenges and enhance services across health and social care.

Social justice and health equalities

- Advocates and champions diversity, health equality and social justice to close the gap on health inequalities, and achieve the service changes that are needed to improve population health.
- Ensures the ICB is responsive to people and communities and that public, patient and carer voices are embedded in all of the ICB's plans and activities.

- Promotes the values of the [NHS Constitution](#) and role models the behaviours embodied in [Our People Promise](#) and forthcoming Leadership Way to ensure a collaborative, inclusive and productive approach across the system.

Sustainable outcomes

- Supports the oversight of purposeful arrangements for effective clinical and professional care leadership throughout the ICB and the ICS.
- Fosters a culture of research, innovation, learning and continuous improvement, to support the delivery of high quality services for all.
- Collectively ensures the NHS plays its part in social and economic development and achieving environmental sustainability, including the Carbon Net Zero commitment.

Governance and assurance

- Brings independent and respectful challenge to the plans, aims and priorities of the ICB applying the principles/standards of strong corporate and clinical governance.
- Promotes open and transparent decision-making processes that facilitate consensus aimed to deliver exceptional outcomes for the population.
- Collectively ensures that the ICB is compliant with its constitution and contractual obligations, holding other members of the ICB and the ICS to account through constructive, independent and respectful challenge.
- Maintains oversight of the delivery of ICB plans, ensuring expected outcomes are delivered in a timely manner through the proportionate management of risks.
- Ensures that the ICB operates to deliver its functions in line with all of its statutory duties, and that compliance with the expected standards of the regulatory bodies is maintained.

People and culture

- Supports the development of other board members to ensure that they are supported and developed to maximise their contribution.
- Provides visible leadership in developing a healthy and inclusive culture for the organisation which promotes diversity, encourages and enables system working and which is reflected and modelled in their own and the Board's behaviour and decision-making.
- Ensures the Board acts in accordance with the highest ethical standards of public service and that any conflicts are appropriately resolved

5. Person Specification

In order to be considered for this role, you should have the following attributes:

Knowledge

- Knowledge of health, care, local government landscape and/ or the voluntary sector
- An understanding of different sectors, groups, networks and the needs of diverse populations
- An awareness and appreciation of social justice and how it might apply within an ICS
- An understanding of good corporate governance and the difference between governance and management

Skills

- Exceptional communication skills and be comfortable presenting in a variety of contexts
- Highly developed interpersonal and influencing skills, able to lead in a creative environment which enables people to thrive and collaborate
- Ability to remain neutral to provide independent and unbiased leadership and respectful challenge with a high degree of personal integrity
- A capacity to thrive in a complex and politically charged environment of change and uncertainty
- Problem solving skills and the ability to identify issues and areas of risk leading stakeholders to effective resolutions and decisions

Values

- Model respect and a compassionate and inclusive leadership style with a demonstrable commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion in respect of boards, patients and staff
- Create and live the values of openness and transparency embodied by the [Nolan Principles](#) and in [Our People Promise](#)

Experience

- Senior or board level experience as a clinician and deep interest in patient safety matters
- Contributing effectively in complex professional meetings at a very senior level
- Leading change at a senior level to bring together disparate stakeholder interests
- Working collaboratively across agency and professional boundaries
- Record of promoting Equality Diversity and Inclusion in leadership roles

Personally, you will bring a range of professional expertise as well as community understanding and experience to the work of the Board. We are interested in your life experience and personal motivation that will add valuable personal insights such as: a patient, carer or service user; experience of gender and women's issues; engaging with diverse social, economic and cultural groups and communities; experiences and challenges of younger people; and those with lived experience of mental health issues and/or living with physical chronic conditions or disability.

Key Competencies

Outlined above in the role and responsibilities/competencies section are the six competency domains that illustrate some of the key behaviours we expect independent non-executive members to exhibit.

The designate ICB independent non-executive member role and person specification have been agreed nationally and will provide a consistent framework for assessment based around the emerging Leadership Competency Framework. A summary person specification included as a graphic below groups the knowledge, experience, skills and values criteria within the competencies outlined above for ease of reference.

6. Designate ICB independent member: person specification summary

Competency	Role description	Knowledge, Experience and Skills required
Setting strategy and delivering long-term transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works collaboratively to help shape the long-term, viable plan for the delivery of the functions, duties and objectives of the ICB and for the stewardship of public money. • Ensures that the Board of the ICB is effective in all aspects of its role and appropriately focused on the four core purposes, to: improve outcomes in population health and healthcare; tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access; enhance productivity and value for money and help the NHS support broader social and economic development. • As a member of the ICB Board, contributes to setting the vision, strategy and clear objectives for the ICB in delivering on the four core purposes of the ICS, the triple aim of improved population health, quality of care and cost-control, and the body's statutory responsibilities • Supports leading the system through aligning partners in the implementation of the Long Term Plan and the People Plan, overseeing progress against their objectives. • Represents and articulate the vision for the ISS, as an ambassador, in a wider system or regional context. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of health, care, local government landscape and/ or the voluntary sector • Senior or board level experience as a clinician and deep interest in patient safety matters • A capacity to thrive in a complex and politically charged environment of change and uncertainty • Experience leading change at a senior level to bring together disparate stakeholder interests
Building trusted relationships with partners and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a champion of new governance arrangements (including the ICP), collaborative leadership and effective partnership working with local government, NHS bodies and the voluntary sector. • Is an ambassador for system working and mutual accountability, building strong partnerships and supporting the Chair of the ICB to promote effective dialogue and consensus with local government and broader partners to ensure joint planning and delivery • Supports the Chair to establish the ICP with the partners, establishing strong relationships between the ICB Board and the ICP. • Supports the Chair to ensure the success of the ICP including establishing shared strategic priorities within the NHS in partnership with local government to tackle population health challenges and enhance services across health and social care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of different sectors, groups, networks and the needs of diverse populations • Exceptional communication skills and be comfortable presenting in a variety of contexts • Highly developed interpersonal and influencing skills, able to lead in a creative environment which enables people to thrive and collaborate • Experience working collaboratively across agency and professional boundaries

Competency	Role description	Knowledge, Experience and Skills required
Leading for Social Justice and health equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocates and champions diversity, health equality and social justice to close the gap on health inequalities, and achieve the service changes that are needed to improve population health • Ensures the ICB is responsive to people and communities and that public, patient and carer voices are embedded in all of the ICB's plans and activities. • Promotes the values of the NHS Constitution and role models the behaviours embodied in Our People Promise and forthcoming Leadership Way to ensure a collaborative, inclusive and productive approach across the system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An awareness and appreciation of social justice and how it might apply within an ICS • Record of promoting Equality Diversity and Inclusion in leadership roles • Life experience and personal motivation that will add valuable personal insights
Driving high quality, sustainable outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the oversight of purposeful arrangements for effective clinical and professional care leadership throughout the ICB and the ICS. • Fosters a culture of research, innovation, learning and continuous improvement, to support the delivery of high quality services for all. • Collectively ensures the NHS plays its part in social and economic development and achieving environmental sustainability, including the Carbon Net Zero commitment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving skills and the ability to identify issues and areas of risk leading stakeholders to effective resolutions and decisions
Providing robust governance and assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are accountable to the Chair of the ICB and ICB Board. • Have a collective responsibility with the other members of the ICB board to ensure corporate accountability for the performance of the organisation, ensuring its functions are effectively and efficiently discharged and its financial obligations are met. • Brings independent and respectful challenge to the plans, aims and priorities of the ICB applying the principles/standards of corporate and clinical governance. • Promotes open and transparent decision-making processes that facilitate consensus aimed to deliver exceptional outcomes for the population. • Collectively ensures that the ICB is compliant with its constitution and contractual obligations, holding other members of the ICB and the ICS to account through constructive, independent and respectful challenge. • Maintains oversight of the delivery of ICB plans ensuring expected outcomes are delivered in a timely manner through the proportionate management of risks • Ensures that the ICB operates to deliver its functions in line with all of its statutory duties, and that compliance with the expected standards of the regulatory bodies is maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of good corporate governance and the difference between governance and management • Ability to remain neutral to provide independent and unbiased leadership with a high degree of personal integrity • Experience contributing effectively in complex professional meetings at a very senior level

Competency	Role description	Knowledge, Experience and Skills required
<p>Creating a compassionate and inclusive culture for our people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the development of other board members to ensure that they are supported and developed to maximise their contribution. • Provides visible leadership in developing a healthy and inclusive culture for the organisation which promotes diversity, encourages and enables system working and which is reflected and modelled in their own and the Board's behaviour and decision-making. • Ensures the Board acts in accordance with the highest ethical standards of public service and that any conflicts are appropriately resolved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models respect and a compassionate and inclusive leadership style with a demonstrable commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion in respect of boards, patients and staff • Creates and lives the values of openness and transparency embodied by the Nolan Principles and in Our People Promise

7. Eligibility

You will be able to demonstrate that you meet the requirements of the fit and proper person test and that you have no substantial conflicts of interests that would interfere with your ability to be independent and offer an impartial perspective.

The successful applicants will not have an ongoing leadership role (hold positions or offices) at an organisation within the same ICS footprint. You will need to stand down from such a role if appointed to the ICB independent non-executive member role.

Elected officials including MPs and members of councils are excluded from the ICB independent non-executive member role.

Applicants should have strong connections with the area served by the ICS.

You will be able to demonstrate that you meet the requirements of the fit and proper person test and that you have no substantial conflicts of interests that would interfere with your ability to be independent and offer an impartial perspective for example.

Given the significant public profile and responsibility members of NHS Boards hold, it is vital that those appointed inspire confidence of the public, patients and NHS staff at all times. NHS England / NHS Improvement makes a number of specific background checks to ensure that those we appoint are “fit and proper” people to hold these important roles. More information can be found on our [website](#).

Applications will be assessed on merit, as part of a fair and open process, from the widest possible pool of candidates. The information provided by applicants will be relied on to assess whether sufficient personal responsibility and competence have been demonstrated in previous/other roles, to satisfy the experience, skills and values being sought.

We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all. We believe that the best boards are those that reflect the communities they serve.

- 50% of the working age population and 77% of the NHS workforce are women
- 14% of the working age population and 23% of the NHS workforce are from ethnic minorities
- 16% of working age population and 5% of the NHS workforce are disabled
- 2% of the population over 16 and 3% of the NHS workforce identify as LGBT
- 82% of working age adults and 79% of the NHS workforce are under 55¹

We want to increase the diversity of our NHS leadership and encourage applications from groups we know are all under-represented in these important roles. We prioritise Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, team health and wellbeing and the principles of kind leadership in our 'ways of working'. The successful applicants will have a key role in nurturing this culture.

8. Terms of appointment

This section may be subject to change due to development of the legislation.

- Remuneration: £13k - £16k depending on time and experience
- Initial term of appointment as designate ICB independent non-executive member until the establishment of the ICB. The subsequent term of office as ICB independent non-executive member would be confirmed if and when the legislation is in place and would be in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the ICB.
- You will have considerable flexibility to decide how you manage the time needed to undertake this role. On average, it will require a minimum 3 days a month, including preparation time, the occasional evening engagement and events designed to support your continuous development.

¹ Population data source gov.uk/ons.gov.uk (2011 Census). NHS source: Workforce NHS Digital - Hospital and Community Health Services workforce statistics: Equality and Diversity in NHS Trusts and CCGs in England (2020 September data used)

- All NHS board members are required to comply with the [Nolan Principles of Public Life](#) and meet the [Fit and Proper Persons requirements](#).

9. More information

The Government's [White Paper on health and care reform](#) place ICSs at the heart of the NHS. The four core purposes of an ICS are laid out in [Integrating care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England](#), namely to improve outcomes in population health and healthcare; tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access; enhance productivity and value for money and help the NHS support broader social and economic development, all rooted in underlying principles of subsidiarity and collaboration.

Support in preparing your application:

- [Building your application](#)
- [Onboarding support, sources of information, useful reading](#)
- [How we will handle your application and information](#)
- [View all current chair and non-executive vacancies](#)
- [Sign up to receive email alerts on the latest vacancies](#)

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10. Making an application

For more information about this outstanding opportunity or to arrange a discussion with Raj Jain, Designate Chair, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB please contact jennifer.williams@nhs.net If you wish to be considered for one of the ICB designate independent non-executive member roles please provide:

- a CV that includes your address and preferred contact details, highlighting and explaining any gaps in your employment history
- a supporting statement that highlights your skills and experience and allows insights on your values and motivations for applying for the role. You should outline your personal responsibility and achievement within previous roles that demonstrates you have the knowledge, skills and competencies to deliver this role, as outlined in the person specification
- the names, positions, organisations and contact details for three referees. Your referees should be individuals in a line management capacity (or senior stakeholders), and cover your most recent roles and employer, any regulated health or social care activity or where roles involved children or vulnerable adults. Your references will be taken prior to interview and may be shared with the selection panel
- a completed monitoring information form which accompanies this pack
- a completed self-declaration form confirming that you do not meet any of the criteria that would disqualify you from appointment
- tell us about any dates when you will not be available for the selection process

Applications should be sent to mlcsu.icbtransitionsupport@nhs.net - all applications will be acknowledged.

Please note that unfortunately applications submitted via Trac or NHS Jobs will not be considered.

11. The process

Preliminary selection: information provided by applicants will be relied on to assess whether sufficient personal responsibility and competence have been demonstrated in previous/other roles, to satisfy the

experience, skills and values outlined in the person specification. Long-listed applicants may be invited for a preliminary interview. Feedback from any preliminary assessment will be given to the selection panel who will agree the applicants invited to interview.

Shortlisting: the selection panel will use the information provided by the applicants and feedback from any preliminary assessment to agree applicants invited to interview. Assessment will be based on merit against the competencies experience, skills and values outlined in the person specification.

Stakeholder event: shortlisted applicants will be expected to participate in a stakeholder engagement event or events to meet groups of key stakeholders. Feedback from these sessions will be shared with the selection panel.

Interviews: applicants will be asked to make a 5 - 10 minute presentation to help the selection panel draw out the competencies, experience, skills and values outlined in the person specification. The formal interview will be 45 mins to an hour of open questions from the selection panel to showcase past experience and explore applicant's values, motivations, creativity and ability.

Appointment: Selection panels will be asked to identify appointable candidates based on merit against the competencies experience, skills and values outlined in the person specification. The preferred candidate will be referred to NHS England and Improvement Regional Team for approval before final appointment by the ICB.