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Subject:	Black Country Integrated Care Board (ICB) Update
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Purpose of Report	Information

1. Executive Summary

To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with a high-level update on current Integrated Care Board developments, including organisational changes, integrated planning, and neighbourhood working.

2. Recommendations

- **Note** the update
- **Support** continued system and place alignment work

3. Context and Key Issues

The Black Country ICB and system partners are progressing a number of changes aligned to national expectations on integration, neighbourhood health, and system efficiency. This includes:

- Ongoing ICB cluster transition with Birmingham & Solihull ICB and management of change processes
- Continued development of integrated needs assessment approaches
- Strengthening of place and neighbourhood planning arrangements
- Review and refinement of governance arrangements to support more streamlined decision making

4. Engagement

Work remains in progress, and detailed proposals are being developed with system partners, including local authorities, providers, and VCSE colleagues.

5. Implications & Considerations

Resources:	HWB members and partners are central to achieving the national ambitions
Legal and Governance:	N/A
Risk:	At the point of writing, the final ICB cluster model has not yet been finalised and is subject to management of change
Equality:	N/A
Health and Wellbeing:	N/A
Social Value:	N/A
Climate Change:	N/A
Corporate Parenting:	N/A

6. Appendices

N/A