

Surrey Heartlands Governance and Assurance

Working as a partnership is a new way of working, particularly with our devolution agreement. We have spent time ensuring our governance system is able to support robust decision-making, and local accountability and assurance. We expect this to develop further over time as our partnership continues to evolve.

A key part of our **devolution agreement** is the strengthening of local democratic accountability (so this includes elected County Councillors as part of our decision-making architecture), and the ability to move towards self-assurance and away from the traditional assurance process with our regulators (NHS England/Improvement).

Currently our key committees and responsibilities are as follows:

Strategy

- *Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board* - acts as the overall strategy setting board for Surrey, It sets the long term vision and strategy looking across all public services and takes into account the wider determinants of health and wellbeing.
- *Surrey Heartlands System Board* - oversees the implementation and delivery of the Surrey Heartlands strategy in the context of the overall Surrey Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Strategic decision-making

- *Surrey Committees-in-Common* – facilitating strategic and streamlined decision-making for jointly commissioned services across the six Surrey Clinical Commissioning Groups and Surrey County Council.

Oversight and assurance

- *Surrey Heartlands System Oversight and Assurance Group (SOAG)* - oversees the performance of our partnership, holding partners to account and seeking assurance that the strategy and outcomes are being delivered and swift executive action is taken to address underperformance. The SOAG oversees finance, quality, performance and delivery of work programmes.
- *Finance Board* - oversees the delivery of the overall system financial position including the delivery of the nationally agreed ICS system control total as well as addressing individual place or organisational financial position. The Finance Board also oversees the financial perspective of local system financial recovery plans.
- *Performance and Quality Committee* - oversees the delivery of the constitutional targets and main national “performance” metrics across health and social care. It also oversees development of integrated quality systems for quality planning, quality improvement and quality assurance, as well as the specific “quality” metrics and workstreams, ensuring action is taken on any quality concerns across the system.