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# Glossary of integrated care language

**Integrated Care System (ICS):** A partnership of NHS, local authority, VCFSE and academic institutions working together on a joint health and social care agenda to coordinate services and to plan in a way that improves population health and reduces inequalities between different groups. We call this partnership [Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership](#).

**Integrated Care Partnership:** This is our partnership at system level called Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership. This term has been used in the most recent national guidance however is a change to how this term has been used previously. It was previously used to describe our five place-based partnerships.

**NHS Integrated Care Board:** This is the new NHS organisation that will be established on 1 April 2022, subject to legislation. We expect this is likely to be known publicly as “NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria” which is subject to legislation.

**Place-based partnerships:** Planners and providers working together across health, local authority and the wider community, who take collective responsibility for improving the health and wellbeing of residents within a place. We have five place-based partnerships in Fylde Coast, Central Lancashire, Morecambe Bay, Pennine Lancashire and West Lancashire. It's important to note that 'Integrated Care Partnership' is now being used to describe the partnership at Lancashire and South Cumbria level.

**Neighbourhoods:** Based on local populations of between 30,000 and 50,000, neighbourhoods, in some instances, may align with Primary Care Networks and Integrated Care Communities.

**Primary Care Networks (PCNs):** GP practices working together with community, mental health, social care, pharmacy, hospital and voluntary services in their local areas in groups of practices. Find out more on PCNs on the [NHS England website](#).

[A more detailed glossary for Lancashire and South Cumbria is available on our website here.](#)

[Read about national integrated care developments on the NHS England website here.](#)