

Birmingham City Council

Report to Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 16th July 2025



Title:	Birmingham and Solihull ICS Headline Finance Report (M2 2025/26)
Report of:	Paul Athey, Chief Finance Officer, & Clara Day, Chief Medical Officer - NHS BSOL ICB
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Has this report been shared with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair?	Not Applicable
Report Author:	Paul Athey, Chief Finance Officer NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB paul.athey@nhs.net
Authorised by:	Paul Athey, Chief Finance Officer NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB
Is this a Key Decision?	Not Applicable
Reason(s) why not included on the Forward Plan and confirm who has authorised it to be considered:	Not Applicable
Is this a Late Report?	No
Reason(s) why Late and confirm who has authorised it to be considered:	Not Applicable
Is this decision eligible for 'call in?'	Not Applicable
If 'call-in' has been dis-applied, please provide reason(s) and confirm who has authorised:	Not Applicable

Wards:

Does this report contain exempt or confidential information?

Yes / No

Please delete both the section 'Exempt Information' and 'Confidential Information' if answered 'No' above. If only completing one of the sections below, please delete the other.

Has this decision been included on the Notification of Intention to consider Matters in Private? Not Applicable

Reasons why not included on the Notification and confirm who has authorised it to be considered: Not Applicable

**PLEASE START THIS PART OF THE REPORT AT THE TOP OF A NEW PAGE.
REFER TO GUIDANCE FOR TIPS ON FORMATTING THE REPORT.**

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This slide pack provides a summary of the financial performance of Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System (BSOL ICS) in the first **two** months of **2025/26. The system currently has an adverse variance of £12.2m, largely driven by slippage on efficiency delivery. The system continues to forecast a breakeven financial position for the end of the year**
- 1.2 The slide pack also provides details of the work undertaken to date through the ICB's Decommissioning and Disinvesting Well Group, which supports the prioritisation of NHS resources as part of the system's requirement to deliver a balanced financial plan. Phase 1 of this programme has result in the decommissioning, or partial decommissioning, of 14 contracts totalling £609,000.

2 COMMISSIONERS' REVIEW

- 2.1 Commissioners' review is not required for reports from external organisation

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **The Committee** is asked to NOTE the current financial position and the process and actions in place to formally review all contracts across the ICB's commissioning portfolio.

4 KEY INFORMATION

Context

- 4.1 The performance and actions set out in this slide pack are presented in the context of an extremely tight financial position for the NHS.
- 4.2 As previously reported to JHOSC, Birmingham and Solihull ICS is one of only two systems in the Midlands to be required to deliver a breakeven financial position in 2025/26 without additional deficit support. The other 9 Midlands systems are receiving combined deficit target of £620m. This is despite BSOL continuing to be underfunded based on NHS England's allocation formula.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 In relation to the decisions taken through the Decommissioning and Disinvesting Well Group, all proposals considered have appropriate Quality and Equality Impact Assessments (QEIA) / Equality Impact Assessments (EIA) completed which identify suggested mitigations. These are clinically reviewed and actioned where needed.

5.2 All key risks and actions are considered against our agreed risk appetite and decisions are fully documented.

5.3 There is multi-disciplinary review and agreement of actions, with Finance & Performance Committee oversight and approval where required.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The specific decisions set out in this slide pack fall below the threshold for formal consultation.

7 MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

7.1 Members are regularly kept informed around the financial position of the ICS through quarterly updates to JHOSC.

8 IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Best Value

8.1 All decisions are taken in the context of the financial position within the NHS and the need to ensure best value in order to maximise the overall benefit in population health that can be delivered within the finite resources available to the local health system

Legal

8.2 Not applicable

Equalities

8.3 All decommissioning and disinvestment decisions are taken following a full EIA process.

Procurement

8.4 Where decommissioning has been agreed, all relevant parties have been notified and notice periods have been followed.

People Services

8.5 Not applicable

Climate Change, Nature and Net Zero

8.6 Not applicable

Corporate Parenting

8.7 Not applicable

Other

8.8 Not applicable

9 APPENDICES

9.1 Slide Pack included

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None