Heidi Tweedie-McFarlane

- Do you know how and when you can get involved with the Integration Authorities to influence decision making?

Yes, however I am not sure this would be easy for many members of the general public. I found out through other roles in community leadership.

- Were you consulted in the preparation of the strategic plans or involved with the work of the Strategic Planning Group?

Yes.

- Have you been involved with the work of the Integration Authority following the publication of the strategic plan?

Yes

- Have you been involved with the work of the localities/ what involvement would you like to have?

The localities planning is a complete mess. They still are unclear who they are, how to get involved. Through my community leadership I would like to have more linked with them and hear direct updates but the power dynamic is such that they are not mutual with the community or third sector. This is very disappointing and poor.

- Do you think that your involvement with the IAs has had an impact on decision making?

Am am unsure. I feel that I do have the chance to chat with leaders in the IAs, but that some are paying lip service and are taking an tokenistic rather than coproducive approach.

- What could be done to improve the communication from the IAs?

Regular accessible online information such as a eupdate monthly and regular polls.

- What could be done to ensure greater collaboration and engagement in the decision making process of Integration Authorities?

More transparency and true coproduction at all levels.