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

Yes, we have a representative for our organisation on the Strategic Planning Group.

We are aware of who is representing Non-Commercial Healthcare, as we are termed, at the IJB.

We are represented on the local Palliative Care Planning & Performance group.

We have established links with Senior Managers for Strategic Monitoring & Performance reviews.

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

Yes, but late in the process as the decision for hospices to sit with HSCP was announced once many of the IJB’s had prepared plans. Once known, we were given an opportunity to input to relevant Palliative and End of Life Care section of strategic plans, not ideal but it was a start.

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

One meeting with Mr Geoff Huggins and team, though I believe, others to follow. Colleagues are representing our area of care provision on the National Implementation Advisory Group (NIAG) and other colleagues on Commitment Groups and SLWG for the Strategic Framework for Action on Palliative and End of Life Care

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

As noted above we have had good local involvement at this early stage and would have preferred more time to work on Locality Strategic plans.

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

Locally and on operational matters yes – not strategically at this point in time.

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

I believe it is good locally, whilst still early & developing. There was a significant gap and delay strategically but hopefully this will develop.

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

Locally, I believe we have platforms to encourage collaboration and communication. Regarding strategic communication and development, now that the NIAG has been revived, hopefully this will support more collaborative strategic planning, decision making and working.