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- Do you know how and when you can get involved with the Integration Authorities to influence decision making?
  - No it’s not clear

- Were you consulted in the preparation of the strategic plans or involved with the work of the Strategic Planning Group?
  - We were not involved in the preparation of the strategic plan for Edinburgh City IJB but we were consulted with by East Lothian IJB in relation to palliative care.

- Have you been involved with the work of the Integration Authority following the publication of the strategic plan?
  - No. The Lothian Hospices and Chair of the Managed Clinical Network for Palliative Care initiated a meeting with the 4 Lothian IJBs and NHS Lothian early 2016 to present an overview of Hospice care and what we can bring to the communities we support. We also presented a preference for a single IJB hosting arrangement which was agreed with Edinburgh City taking this role on. Since then there has been no direct contact with Edinburgh City regarding the way forward although a draft consultation paper was presented at the Lothian Managed Clinical Network for Palliative Care suggesting the establishment of an overarching steering group for palliative care. We gave feedback on the document but have received no second version and no dates for initiating meetings.

- Have you been involved with the work of the localities/ what involvement would you like to have?
  - No involvement to date and would like to be involved from the beginning. It is difficult to give tangible examples on how we can help support the strategic plans without some insight into their priorities.

- Do you think that your involvement with the IAs has had an impact on decision making?
  - Currently we are continuing to implement our own 5 year strategy and ensure it is mapped against the national priorities and strategic framework. It would be better to do this in partnership with the IAs.

- What could be done to improve the communication from the IAs?
  - Clear and direct communication with a member of the IA who is responsible for engaging with the independent and third sector. Establishment of the steering group to support hosting arrangements is a priority and can only improve relationships and communication channels.

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