

Question 3. Is the councils' proposal also likely to impact local public services delivered by others, such as police, fire and rescue, and health services?

Yes (it will impact negatively) No

Threats to delivery of an Integrated Care System (ICS) for Somerset

The move to an Integrated Care System in Somerset has been well considered and planned for by partners in Somerset. Stronger Somerset's proposals put that work and progress at risk:

- Approximately 86% of county boundaries are coterminous with CCGs and other health arrangements. Partners welcome the fact that the coterminous health and social care boundary already offers the best opportunity for collaboration and the development of the right services. They understand the respective roles of each partner and the importance of joint working to get the best outcomes for residents.
 - By definition Stronger Somerset will fragment the single joint arrangement that currently ensures commissioning of joint services between the NHS and Social Care such as the Intermediate Care Service.
 - Unpicking the developing health Integrated Care System (ICS) in Somerset would be a very complex and resource intensive exercise which would involve significant risk to current progress and for patient and social care outcomes, not to mention cost.
- Stronger Somerset would require the Integrated Care System and Clinical Commissioning Group, Police and Fire & Rescue to work with two local authorities, a Combined Authority, a Children's Alternative Delivery Model and a complicated shared service organisation. Such an arrangement will inevitably be complex and damage the area's capacity to deliver personcentred health and social care, and community safety across a single Somerset system.

Relationships with police, fire and rescue services.

Both options for reorganisation in Somerset are relatively straightforward for police, fire and rescue. However, Stronger Somerset's two-unitary proposals do not offer the same level of simplified governance, or opportunity for strategic alignment and local collaboration as One Somerset's single unitary proposal. Under Stronger Somerset police, fire and rescue services would have to work with five different organisations working on three tiers. This would have a detrimental impact on strategic working and create unnecessary tensions between the two unitaries over priorities and resourcing. For example, all partners working on safeguarding children and adults,

community safety and youth justice would have to operate in this complex arrangement. It should be noted that the current Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset has publicly supported One Somerset's proposals, not Stronger Somerset.