

Clinical Senate Information Pack

Clinical Senates were established across England in 2013 to provide independent clinical advice and strategic guidance to support service transformation, with the aim of improving the healthcare in each region. They are hosted by NHS England, but do not 'report' to it, or any other organisation.

Clinical Senates bring together health and care professionals from a wide range of health, public health and social care settings. Together with patient and carer input, this unique range of expertise, skills and knowledge enables the Clinical Senate to:

- Conduct independent clinical reviews to inform and support proposed service changes at any stage of development
- Provide a source of strategic, independent advice and clinical leadership to support systems to deliver the best health and care outcomes for people and their communities
- Give a fresh and impartial view by bringing together selected groups of clinicians, non-clinicians and 'Experts by Experience'
- Give ICBs, commissioners, providers and systems credible advice and guidance on specific transformational work by acting as a critical friend at an early stage
- Provide opportunities for collaboration, professional networking and clinical leadership through cross-system working, development days and strategic alliances to develop high-quality NHS services
- Give the formal, clinically evidence-based advice at Stages 1 and 2 detailed in NHS England's good practice guide for commissioners on the assurance process for major service changes and reconfiguration¹
- Undertake pro-active thematic clinical reports to support system priority areas
- Share learning by building constructive national and local relationships

¹ [Planning, assuring and delivering service change for patients, Updated March 2018](#)

The East of England Clinical Senate is comprised of a [Clinical Senate Council](#) and a wider [Clinical Senate Assembly](#).

Members come from the full range of health organisations, professions and care settings, including voluntary and social enterprise organisations delivering health and care, Local Authorities, the UK Health Security Agency, Academic Health Science Networks, NHS Health Education East of England, Royal Colleges and patient/public and carer representatives.

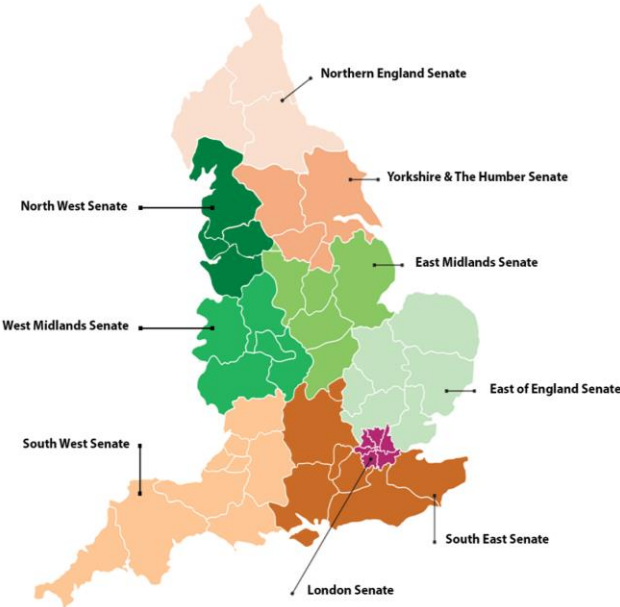
The Clinical Senate Council is a small multi-professional steering group which includes a number of Patient and Public Voice representatives ('Experts by Experience'), senior clinicians and professionals, recruited based upon their credibility and experience. They are not appointed to represent their organisations or professional bodies, ensuring that impartiality and objectivity remain core strengths of the Senate. Following a selection process, members are appointed for a period of office of 3 years, which may be extended for a further 3 years, subject to agreement by the Senate Council. Members are expected to attend four Council Meetings per annum and participate in Clinical Reviews and workstreams as appropriate to their skills and experience.

Led by an independently appointed Chair, the Senate Council co-ordinates the business of Clinical Senate; maintains a strategic overview across our region and is responsible for the formulation and provision of advice, working with the broader Senate Assembly.


The Clinical Senate Assembly is a diverse multi-professional membership forum that provides the Senate Council with access to experts from a broad range of health and care professions and settings. Membership of the Assembly encompasses the 'birth to death' spectrum of NHS care, both clinical and non-clinical and includes patient, carer and public representatives ('Experts by Experience'). Members are self-nominated and membership is indefinite.

The East of England Clinical Senate's Terms of Reference provides more information on what it does, how it works, membership, roles and responsibilities. This can be accessed [here](#).

There are nine Clinical Senates across England

	<p>The Regional Clinical Senates recognise that some matters will impact across the geography of more than one Clinical Senate and are committed to working collaboratively.</p> <p>Launched in May 2023, the National Clinical Senates Advice & Review Log is an important and useful research source for many clinical pathways. All work published since their inception in 2013 can be found at:</p> <p>Topic Log South East Clinical Senate (secsenate.nhs.uk)</p>
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Area covered by the East of England Clinical Senate

	<p>Approx. 7,500 square miles</p> <p>Population of 6.2 million (ONS 2020) with Essex having the highest.</p> <p>12 upper tier Local Authorities of which seven are unitary authorities and 40 District/Borough authorities.</p> <p>60 MP Constituencies: In the 2019 elections 54 seats are held by Conservative incumbents, 5 Labour (Bedford, Cambridge, Luton North, Luton South and Norwich South) and 1 Liberal Democrat (St Albans).</p> <p>6 Integrated Care Systems For further information please click on the links below.</p>
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- **Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) ICS**

[Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes \(BLMK\) ICB](#)
[Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)

- **NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS**

[NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB](#)
[Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust](#)

- **Hertfordshire and West Essex ICS**

[Herts and West Essex ICB](#)
[East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust](#)
[Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust](#)
[Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust](#)
[West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust](#)

- **NHS Mid and South Essex ICS**

[NHS Mid and South Essex ICB](#)
[Mid and South Essex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#), incorporates:
[Basildon University Hospital, Broomfield Hospital & Southend University Hospital](#)

- **NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICS**

[NHS Mid and South Essex ICB](#)
[Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust](#)
[Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust](#)

- **NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICS**

[NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB](#)
[West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Other NHS Providers

[East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust](#)
[North East London NHS Foundation Trust](#)