

# Housing Board: Accommodation Project Update

14<sup>th</sup> April 2023





# Progress Highlights & Next Steps

## **Housing Needs Survey**

- Comments and feedback received from Housing Board members. This has all been taken into account and the survey questions are being updated accordingly.
- A copy of the survey questions also to be shared with the Recruitment & Retention Enabling Group for oversight (and any final comments).
- Key stakeholder groups being identified and the routes of communication.
- Planning meeting to be arranged with ICB Comms.
- Decision to be reached on how the analysis should be undertaken – internally or via a third party.

## **Planning Policy Forum**

- Attended PPF on 24/03 and presented the intentions of the Staff Housing Needs Survey and enquired about the evidence the planners would need to inform/influence their policies for a % of affordable housing for key workers – health and care staff.
- PPF were not in agreement that this would be feasible or achievable.
- We will instead be taking a more strategic approach – firstly reviewing what is currently written in the existing housing strategies.

## **Housing & Accommodation Strategy**

- Early draft of accommodation / key worker housing strategy to be written in Q1/Q2.
- Review existing housing strategies and timetables for local plans in the System and align with draft.
- Incorporate and align to HWB strategy priority 4 around good quality housing and skills and employment to reduce poverty in the system.

## **ICS Staff Accommodation Forum**

- Following the success of the initial ICS Keyworker Housing & Accommodation Engagement Session on 21/02, we have arranged a follow up session on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30-12:00pm. This will form a series of forums taking place every 2 months.