

# Shared Insights: The Future of Interaction Between Health and Social Care

In this Shared Insights session, we discussed the future of interaction between NHS Trusts and Local Government amidst a drive for better integrated care; the new Liberty Protection Safeguard legislation due to come into force in April 2022, and the challenges of collaborative working between organisations.

We were delighted to be joined by:

**Adam Lent**, Chief Executive of think tank **New Local**, which specialises in advising public services with a network of over 60 local councils.

**Mark Barnett**, Partner in our **Advisory and Inquests** team at **Browne Jacobson**. He advises health and social care providers on issues involving the Mental Capacity Act, deprivation of liberty and Court of Protection applications.

**Naomi De Silva**, Associate at **Browne Jacobson**. Naomi specialises in claims against Children's Services providers and claims under the HRA and DPA.

**Adam Lent** set out the increasing need for Local Government and NHS Trusts to work collaboratively in their communities, particularly moving into the post-pandemic era. Budgetary pressures in combination with structure reforms will drive this need.

**Historic challenges to collaborative working**

**What would make integrated care systems better?**

**Local Governments as an equal partner in the integrated care system.** Where the NHS works in an egalitarian way rather than taking the lead, local councils have been more optimistic and ambitious in collaborative projects.

**Integration is not just a high-level governance change.** Front line staff must be involved in collaborative working to deliver better patient outcomes.

**A cultural change requiring acceptance that the benefits of greater collaboration may not immediately accrue to both organisations equally.**

**Using the wider community.** Drawing people into a community-led approach to generate more effective social impact.





