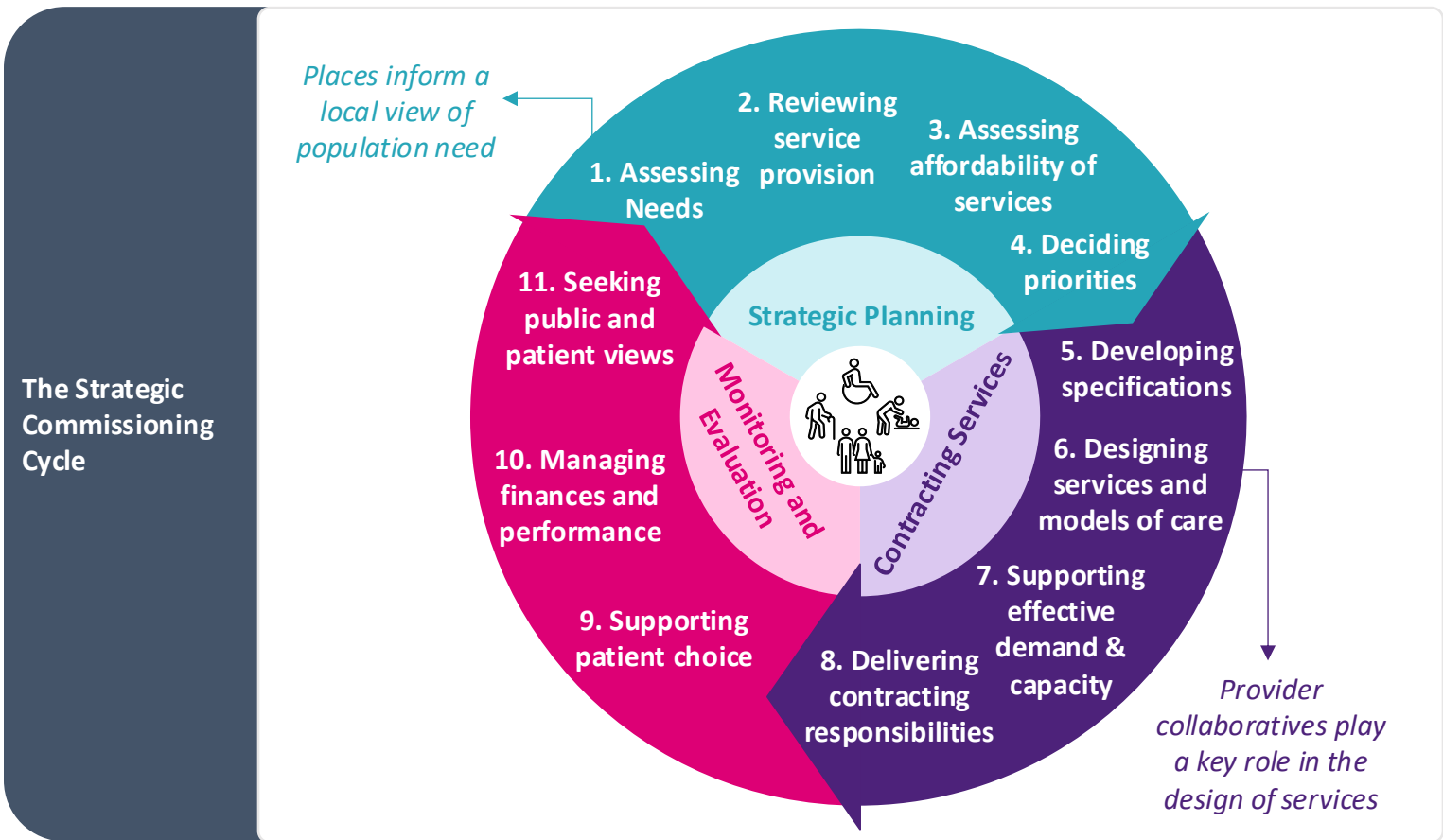


Understanding the role of strategic commissioning in 2024



Strategic commissioning is essential in maximising the use of resources and harnessing the potential of transformational change. Building on the foundations provided by World Class Commissioning, this reflects new learnings, practice, and organisational structures within the NHS:



- Strategic Planning**
1. Drawing upon available data, outcomes indicators and diagnostic reports to understand specific requirements of the population served, including considering quality and equity
 2. Reviewing current outcomes, guidance, feedback from service users and system-specific recommendations to identify any gaps / required changes in current service provision
 3. Assessment of need vs budget and indicative costs to develop an appropriate envelope that reflects requirements as well as the financial position of the ICB's
 4. Making decisions on how to spend the pot of money available, considering both financial constraints and the need for equitable access to high-quality services

- Contracting Services**
5. Developing service specifications and designing models of care for services provided
 6. Designing services in line with agreed priorities at system and place and designing models of care for services provided
 7. Understanding barriers and identifying incentives to stimulate supply and ensure service stability, work to continually assess supply vs demand and contract variation required
 8. Assessing and delivering the most appropriate contracting function to reflect service delivery

- Monitoring and evaluation**
9. Ensuring patients are able to make an informed choice about how they receive treatment, in accordance with their needs
 10. Ensuring purchased services are delivered in line with contract specifications in terms of quality, quantity and price, while also managing finances to ensure service sustainability
 11. Collecting public and patient feedback on services to inform the next commissioning round