

At Scale Readiness+ Tool – Frequently Asked Questions

1. We have not yet started to engage with collaborative/merger discussions and so are answering 'disagree' with a lot of the questions – is this correct?

The tool is very much a snap shot of where you are now and the agree/disagree is the response to the thinking and evidence.

If you have begun the thinking but haven't started the actions as you are still in discussion and early thinking, then the responses are likely to be disagree.

This does not mean that you disagree with the need to have or do what is suggested in the questions, it just means you are not yet at that stage.

2. The ASR tool references the provision of evidence – what sort of evidence is required, who is it for and when would we need to provide this?

The assessment tool is to validate your position and readiness with collaborative working and/or merger. The questions suggest that evidence would be required to support and validate that position.

The evidence could consist of minutes to meetings, project plans, engagement, financial, clinical HR plans and so on. It would be the evidence that you would need to provide yourself with assurance.

You are not required to upload this or to provide it to At Scale or the CCG at this stage. The evidence and validation provide you as the practice with the assurance of your position or may suggest you require evidence to take any proposal forward.