



**North East and North Cumbria**

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<b>NORTH EAST &amp; NORTH CUMBRIA ICB BOARD MEETING</b> <b>31 January 2023</b>	
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) Core Standards Annual Assurance Process</b>
<b>Purpose of report</b>	
The purpose of this paper is to provide the ICB Board with an update with regards to the outcome of the annual NHS England EPRR Core Standards Annual Self-Assessment for 2022-23 for the NENC ICB and process undertaken with provider organisations.	
<b>Key points</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All NHS organisations are required to undertake a self-assessment against the 2022 updated core standards relevant to their organisation which should then be taken to a public board or, for organisations that do not hold public boards, be published in their annual report.</li> <li>• The ICB has worked with organisations and LHRP partners to agree a process to gain confidence with organisational ratings and provide an environment that promotes the sharing of learning and good practice. This process has been agreed with the NHS England Regional Head of EPRR.</li> <li>• The areas which are currently assessed as partially compliant will be monitored and maintained as part of an action plan and continuously assessed by the Local Health Resilience Partnership (LHRP) as well as during the monthly meetings with EPRR Leads chaired by the ICB. An action plan will be developed by the ICB to oversee progress which will be shared and discussed by the LHRP to ensure system oversight</li> <li>• The NENC ICB has undertaken a self-assessment against the 2022 updated core standards as per the NHS England EPRR Core Standards guidance. An overall assurance rating has been assigned based on the percentage of NHS Core Standards for EPRR which the organisation has assessed itself as being partially compliant</li> </ul>	
<b>Risks and issues</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evacuation and Shelter – A system wide evacuation process is required. All Trusts have plans in place to evacuate wards however there are no plans in place for a full evacuation which will include system partners such as social care.</li> <li>• A full review of business continuity management arrangements within NE&amp;NC ICB is to take place and the risks that fall out of that as an organisation. The ICB needs to determine what the ICB approach will be and undertake Business Impact Analysis of all services and teams.</li> </ul>	
<b>Assurances</b>	

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- For the forthcoming year, the ICB will ensure that there is a regional approach to develop a policy in relation to evacuation and shelter with local standard operating procedures as well as considering patient triage systems and patient tracking systems.
- The areas which are currently assessed as partially compliant for provider organisations will be monitored and maintained as part of an action plan and continuously assessed by the Local Health Resilience Partnership (LHRP) as well as during the monthly meetings with EPRR Leads chaired by the ICB. An action plan will be developed by each Trust and the ICB to oversee progress which will be shared and discussed by the LHRP to ensure system oversight.
- The areas which are currently assessed as partially compliant (as well as those fully compliant) for the NENC ICB will be monitored regularly and enhanced and improved as part of an action plan and continuously overseen within the NENC ICB Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Steering Group
- Whilst the NENC ICB have an incident response plan, governance and support in place, business continuity management and risks identified as a commissioner of healthcare services needs to be reviewed and considered

**Recommendation/action required**

- Members of the ICB Board are asked to review and note the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board assurance process and ICB compliance rating as well as the provider organisations compliance ratings.
- ICB Board are asked to endorse the submission to NHS England as part of the NHSE EPRR annual assurance process for 2022-23.

**Acronyms and abbreviations explained**

EPRR – Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response  
LHRP - Local Health Resilience Partnership

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**Link to ICB corporate aims (please tick all that apply)**

CA1: Improve outcomes in population health and healthcare	✓
CA2: tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access	
CA3: Enhance productivity and value for money	✓
CA4: Help the NHS support broader social and economic development	✓

**Relevant legal/statutory issues**

Health Care Act 2022  
NHS England EPRR Framework  
Civil Contingencies Act 2004  
NHS England EPRR Core Standards 2022-23

<b>Any potential/actual conflicts of interest associated with the paper? (please tick)</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	✓	<b>N/A</b>	
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If yes, please specify

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<b>Equality analysis completed</b> (please tick)	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>		<b>N/A</b>	✓
<b>If there is an expected impact on patient outcomes and/or experience, has a quality impact assessment been undertaken?</b> (please tick)	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>		<b>N/A</b>	✓
<b>Key implications</b>						
<b>Are additional resources required?</b>	N/A					
<b>Has there been/does there need to be appropriate clinical involvement?</b>	N/A					
<b>Has there been/does there need to be any patient and public involvement?</b>	N/A					
<b>Has there been/does there need to be partner and/or other stakeholder engagement?</b>	Engagement has taken place throughout the assurance process with NHS England and provider organisations.					