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BOARD	
29 JULY 2025	
Report Title:	NENC ICB Procurement Strategy
Purpose of report	
<p>This procurement strategy sets out some key objectives to support the ICB's priorities and ambitions to reduce inequalities, improve experiences of our health and care services and improve the health and wellbeing of people living and working in the North East and North Cumbria.</p>	
Key points	
<p>This is a new procurement strategy since the procurement team joined NENC ICB on 1 April 2025.</p> <p>There have been so many changes to Procurement legislation over the last 18 months, it is important to reflect how we can utilise the flexibilities allowed to create opportunity for innovation and improvement to healthcare services.</p> <p>This strategy focuses on utilising procurement processes and continuous lessons learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to improve population health, delivering the best quality for patients and ensuring providers work to the same ethos as the ICB. to reduce inequalities and support the local economy. to focus on prevention and supporting the wider objectives of the ICB. and drive efficiencies where appropriate specifically for non-healthcare procurements. <p>The Executive Committee recommended the approval of the Strategy to Board.</p>	
Risks and issues	
<p>The Board should note that this strategy aims to support the overall strategic aims and objectives of the ICB and is aligned to the future operating model of the ICB. However, there is a potential risk to deliver against timescales should there be change in direction of the operating model of the ICB and at this point in time no structures or resources are confirmed.</p>	
Assurances and supporting documentation	
<p>The Board can be assured that the procurement team have the skill set and drive to deliver this strategy, with the caveat on the risk of resources to deliver as above.</p>	
Recommendation/action required	
<p>The Board are asked to review and approve the NENC ICB Procurement Strategy.</p>	

Acronyms and abbreviations explained						
AI – Artificial Intelligence CDP – Central Digital Platform NPPS – National Procurement Policy Statement PA23 – Procurement Act 2023 PSR – NSH Healthcare Services (Provider Selection Regime) 2023						
Executive Committee Approval	8 July 2025					
Sponsor/Approving Executive Director	David Gallagher, Chief Contracting and Procurement Officer					
Date approved by Executive Director	04/06/2025					
Report author	Julie Parkinson, Strategic Head of Procurement					
Link to ICP strategy priorities (please tick all that apply)						
Longer and Healthier Lives						✓
Fairer Outcomes for All						✓
Better Health and Care Services						✓
Giving Children and Young People the Best Start in Life						✓
Relevant legal/statutory issues						
Note any relevant Acts, regulations, national guidelines etc						
Any potential/actual conflicts of interest associated with the paper? (please tick)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
Equality analysis completed (please tick)	Yes	✓	No		N/A	
If there is an expected impact on patient outcomes and/or experience, has a quality impact assessment been undertaken? (please tick)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
Essential considerations (must be completed)						
Financial implications and considerations	No direct financial implications, however, the impact on resources to support across the ICB is to be considered					
Contracting and Procurement	Continued support across the ICB to ensure compliance with procurement legislation as well as supporting the key strategic objectives					
Local Delivery Team	Circulated to the Procurement Working Group (inclusive of LDTs)					
Digital implications	Supported discussions and opportunity to develop best practices in processes such as Copilot with Professor Graham Evans Chief Digital and Infrastructure Officer/SIRO. External discussions with the NHS Family Atamis system (free) to develop and improve.					
Clinical involvement	Circulated to the Procurement Working Group (inclusive of clinical leads)					
Health inequalities	Yes – considered and included as part of the strategic objectives					

Patient and public involvement	N/A
Partner and/or other stakeholder engagement	N/A
Other resources	N/A