



**North East and
North Cumbria**

ICB Financial Delegation

All financial delegations are to the substantive post-holders listed. Only where specifically indicated may the delegation be exercised by their deputy.

The approval of the Delegated Financial Limits is reserved to the ICB.

For invoice/purchase order/order/credit memo and journal approval limits see operational authorised signatory list.

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1	Capital Projects & Assets		
1.1	<p>Approval of capital business cases including PFI schemes/other schemes and granting, terminating or extending leases:</p> <p><u>Up to and including £250,000</u></p> <p>Up to and including £500,000</p> <p>Up to and including £5,000,000 except where these may give rise to significant qualitative, reputational or financial risk in which case these must be referred to Finance, Performance and Investment Committee ('Finance Performance & Investment Committee') or ICB for decision.</p> <p>Greater than £5,000,000</p>	<p><u>ICB Director of Finance</u></p> <p>ICB Chief Executive or ICB Executive Director of Finance</p> <p>Both ICB Chief Executive and ICB Executive Director of Finance</p> <p>Finance Performance & Investment Committee</p>	<p>Finance Performance & Investment Committee notes: These fall within the remit of this committee;</p> <p>a) where a budget has already been made available;</p> <p>b) where the scheme of delegation permits;</p> <p>c) subject to compliance with the ICB's financial policies</p>
1.2	<p>Capital expenditure variations over the original business case figure:</p> <p><u>Up to and including £250,000</u></p>	<p><u>ICB Director of Finance</u></p>	

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	Up to and including £500,000 Up to and including £5,000,000 Greater than £5,000,000	ICB Chief Executive or ICB Executive Director of Finance Both ICB Chief Executive and ICB Executive Director of Finance Finance Performance & Investment Committee	
1.3	Maintenance of the capital asset register	Nominated Finance Officer	Nominated Finance Officer to be determined by the ICB Executive Director of Finance.
1.4	Approval of asset disposals: Where asset has a residual value of less than £100,000 Greater than £100,000	ICB Chief Executive or ICB Executive Director of Finance Finance Performance & Investment Committee	The Nominated Finance Officer must be informed of all disposals (whatever their value) to enable the asset register to be updated. Disposals include those items that are obsolete, obsolescent, redundant, or cannot be repaired cost effectively.
2	Contracts / Tenders		
<u>2.1</u>	<u>For goods and services up to £25,000 in value</u> <u>For goods and services between £25,000 and relevant UK procurement threshold</u>	<u>Informal price testing (best practice is to obtain 3 quotes)</u> <u>Need at least 3 competitive quotes</u>	<u>Relevant UK procurement thresholds as of 1 January 2022 are:</u> <u>Standard Goods and Services (non-healthcare) = £138,760</u> <u>Light Touch Regime (health</u>

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	<u>Above relevant UK procurement threshold</u>	<u>Formal tender/procurement process to be followed</u>	<u>and social care services) = £663,540</u> <u>Both inclusive of VAT where applicable</u>
2.24	Financial appraisal of companies identified as potential tenderers	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> Nominated Finance Officer	Nominated Finance Officer to be determined by ICB Executive Director of Finance.
2.32	Waiver of less than the requisite number of tenders/quotes: For all contracts less than £250,000 (life time value) including Capital projects/works, goods and services For all contracts of £250,000 (life time value) and above	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director ICB Chief Executive <u>and</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance	The reason for waving the requisite number of tenders must be recorded and signed and dated by those with delegated authority.
2.43	Authorisation of single tender/single quote For all contracts less than £250,000 (life time value) For all contracts of £250,000 (life time value) and above	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director ICB Chief Executive <u>and</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance	Where a single tender/single quote is sought or received, the ICB shall as far as practical, determine that the price to be paid is fair and reasonable and that details of the investigation are recorded. Where a single tender/single quote is authorised, the reason for this must be recorded and signed and dated by those with delegated authority. This must

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			be reported at the next audit committee.
2.54	Permission to consider late tenders	Individual ICB Executive Directors and ICB Director of Finance (or nominated deputy)	
2.65	Signing of contracts, letters of intent or variations of any value (where contract approved in accordance with ICB delegated financial limits) <u>Contracts/variatio<u>ns</u> up to £250,000 (life time value)</u> <u>Contracts/variatio<u>ns</u> up to £1,000,000 (life time value)</u> <u>Contracts/variatio<u>ns</u> over £1,000,000</u>	Individual ICB Executive Directors <u>Individual ICB Director or Senior Manager up to relevant individual delegated financial limit</u> <u>Individual ICB Director or Executive Director (e.g. relevant Director of Place),</u> <u>Individual ICB Executive Director</u>	Where contract/ <u>variation</u> <u>appropriately</u> approved in accordance with delegated financial limits.
3	Quotations		
3.1	Evaluation of quotations between £25,000 and relevant procurement threshold	ICB Executive Director of Finance or ICB Executive Director or Nominated Finance Officer	
4	Income Generation and Research & Development Contacts		

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4.1	Approval of income generation contracts or research and development contracts (including variations & extensions): Less than £250,000 Greater than £250,000	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director ICB Chief Executive <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance & Executive Director	Those greater than £500,000 must be reported to Finance Performance & Investment Committee for information.
5	Petty Cash		
5.1	Authorisation of petty cash payments: Disbursements up to and including £100 Disbursements over £100	Nominated Petty Cash Officer ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director	Nominated Petty Cash Officer to be determined by ICB Executive Director of Finance.
6	Engagement of Solicitors		
6.1	Engagement of Solicitors	ICB Chief Executive <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director <u>Engagement of solicitors must be approved in accordance with the legal services Standing Operating Procedure, which will be maintained by the Executive Director of Corporate Governance, Communications and Involvement.</u>	<u>Approval of relevant legal costs must be in line with individual delegated financial limits.</u>

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7	Payroll Expenditure		
7.1	Engagement, re-engagement, re-grading employees, (permanent or temporary)	ICB Executive Director	Authorisations must be within the limit of the approved budget and funded establishment.
7.2	Remuneration for substantive staff on VSM contracts or non Agenda for Change e.g. clinicians and non-executives	Remuneration Committee or ICB Board for Remuneration Committee members (except those delegated to NHS England)	In accordance with Scheme of Reservation and Delegation. Taking account of relevant NHS England and DHSC guidance.
7.3	All Off-payroll engagements where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost is less than £245/day - Engaged for less than 6 months - And not in roles of significant influence Where any of the above are <u>not</u> met	ICB Chief Executive <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>and</u> ICB Executive Director ICB Chief Executive	
7.4	Authorisation of travel and expenses claims Claims exceeding £1,000 for any single month and/or claims older than 3 months (whatever their value) Expenses of the ICB Chair	Line Managers as outlined in the Authorised Signatory List ICB Chief Executive <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance ICB Chief Executive <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance	

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	Expenses of the ICB Chief Executive	ICB Chair <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance	
7.5	Study leave and associated expenses / training expenses	ICB Executive Director <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director <u>and</u> Line Manager	
7.6	Authorisation of timesheets with a value of less than £2,500 Authorisation of timesheets with a value of £2,500 or over	Line Manager ICB Executive Director <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director	No authorisations may exceed the conditions of an individual's contract. Values should be estimated based on number of hours x rate for that grade.
7.7	Authorisation of early retirement, redundancy and other termination payments to staff where there is a cost to the ICB	Remuneration Committee or ICB Board for Remuneration Committee members (except those delegated to NHS England)	Taking account of relevant NHS England and DHSC guidance and any additional approval that may be required.
8	Losses & Write-Off of Debts		
8.1	Authorisation of debt write-off and losses: Less than £50,000 £50,000 to £300,000 Greater than £300,000	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director Finance Performance & Investment Committee ICB Board (and NHS England)	Must be presented to Audit Committee for information. All losses greater than £300,000 must also be approved by NHS England

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8.2	Authorisation to refer debts to debt collection agency	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director	Where this course of action risks adverse publicity the matter must first be discussed with the ICB Chief Executive and/or ICB Chair.
9	Special Payments		
9.1	As part of the HR process, authorisation of special payments, including: staff compromise agreements; and ex-gratia payments: Up to £10,000 Up to £95,000 £95,000 and over	ICB Finance Director ICB Executive Director of Finance ICB Chief Executive <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>and</u> ICB Chair	All special payments must be reported to Audit Committee. Refer to ICB losses and special payments guide which includes delegated limits. No special payments exceeding delegated limits shall be made without the prior approval of NHS England. Any special payments over £95,000 require NHS England approval along with all special severance and retention payments.
10	Budgetary Control		
10.1	Approval of budgets and resources Delegation of budgets Approval to spend	ICB Board ICB Executive Director of Finance Budget Holder/ Manager is permitted to incur costs in accordance with their budgets & authorisation limits	The approval of budgets and resources will usually take place during March for the following financial year

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10.2	Approval of budget virements: Up to and including £500,000 Up to and including £1,000,000 Over £1,000,000	ICB Finance Director ICB Executive Director of Finance Finance Performance & Investment Committee	ICB Finance Director approval relates to budgets delegated to relevant place.
10.3	Approval of transfers from reserves	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director	As above
11	Bank Accounts and Payment Methods		
11.1	Opening of bank accounts or changes to banking arrangements	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director	Governing Banking Services only. Must be reported to the next Finance Performance & Investment Committee meeting.
11.2	Signing of cheques for cash, signing of other cheques, and authorisation of electronic payments, cheque and BACs payment schedules	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director <u>or</u> Nominated Finance Manager	

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11.3	Approval of credit card / payment card arrangements, including opening of any new accounts	ICB Executive Director of Finance	Individual credit card transactions to be approved in line with delegated financial limits.
12.0	Fraud and Irregularity		
12.1	Counter fraud and corruption work in accordance with Secretary of State's Directions	ICB Executive Director of Finance <u>or</u> ICB Finance Director	In liaison with Local Counter Fraud Specialist, Counter Fraud Operational Service and Police as appropriate
12.2	Investigation of suspected cases of irregularity not related to fraud or corruption	ICB Chief Executive <u>or</u> ICB Executive Director & ICB Executive Director of Finance	
13	<u>External audit – non audit services</u>		
<u>13.1</u>	<p><u>Any non-audit services provided by the appointed external auditor must comply with the requirements of National Audit Office (NAO) Auditor Guidance Note 01 (AGN/01).</u></p> <p><u>Non-audit services up to £50,000</u></p> <p><u>Non-audit services over £50,000</u></p>	<p><u>ICB Chief Executive <u>or</u> Executive Director of Finance</u></p> <p><u>ICB Chief Executive or Executive Director of Finance and Audit Committee</u></p>	<p><u>Any proposed services must comply with NAO AGN/01, including total non-audit services being below 70% of audit services and complying with the prohibited services listed in NAO AGN/01.</u></p> <p><u>All non-audit services agreed must be reported to Audit Committee.</u></p>

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143	Investments		
143.1	Investment decisions	Refer to individual delegated financial limits for approval of expenditure on administrative and commissioning budgets	
154	Grants		
154.1	Decisions to award grants.	Refer to individual delegated financial limits for approval of expenditure on administrative and commissioning budgets	
165	Healthcare Packages		
165.1	<p>Approval of Individual Packages of Care (including Continuing HealthCare (CHC), Funded Nursing Care (FNC), S117 health packages, and children's health packages:</p> <p>Up to budget delegation limit</p> <p>Packages above the Commissioning Manager budget delegation limit</p> <p>Packages above the ICB Nurse Director's budget delegation limit</p>	<p>Commissioning Manager or Senior Manager</p> <p>ICB Nurse Director</p> <p>ICB Executive Area Director or ICB Executive Chief Nurse</p>	<p>Individual Health care packages to be considered and awarded in accordance with relevant legislation.</p> <p>Relevant commissioning manager may be employed by ICB, NECS or other partner organisation such as Local Authority or NHS Provider Trust in accordance with relevant placed based delegation arrangements.</p> <p>Relevant budget delegation limits are set out in Financial Limits document and authorised signatory list.</p>

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176	Delegated Primary Care Commissioning Expenditure		
176.1	<p>The ICB shall ensure that any decisions in respect of the Delegated Functions and which exceed the financial limits set out above<u>below</u> are only taken:</p> <p>a) by the individuals set out in column 2 of Table 1 above<u>below</u>; and</p> <p>b) following the approval of NHS England (if any) as set out in column 3 of the Table 1 above<u>below</u>.</p>	See Table 1 below	NHS England may, from time to time, update Table 1 by sending a notice to the ICB of amendments to Table 1.

Table 1 – Delegated Primary Care Financial Limits		
Decision	Person / Individual	NHS England Approval
General:		
Taking any step or action in relation to the settlement of a Claim, where the value of the settlement exceeds £100,000	ICB Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director of Finance or Chair	NHS England Head of Legal Services and Local NHS England Team Director or Director of Finance
Any matter in relation to the Delegated Functions which is novel, contentious or repercussive	ICB Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director of Finance or Chair	Local NHS England Team Director or Director of Finance or NHS England Region Director or Director of Finance or NHS England Chief Executive or Chief Financial Officer
Revenue Contracts:		
The entering into of any Primary Medical Services Contract which has or is capable of having a term which exceeds five (5) years	ICB Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director of Finance or Chair	Local NHS England Team Director or Director of Finance
Capital:		
Note: As at the date of this Agreement, the ICB will not have delegated or directed responsibility for decisions in relation to Capital expenditure (and these decisions are retained by NHS England) but the ICB may be required to carry out certain administrative services in relation to Capital expenditure.		

