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BOARD

28 July 2026

Committee Escalation and Assurance Report

Committee Name:	Leadership Committee
Committee Chair:	Sam Allen, Chief Leadership
Dates of Committee Meeting/s:	12 May 2026, 9 June 2026

Alert: *Matters that need the Board's attention or action e.g. area of non-compliant, safety issue, new risks identified.*

N/A

Advise: *Matters to inform the Board of - developments, opportunities or areas subject to ongoing monitoring.*

The Leadership Committee met on 12 May 2026 and 9 June 2026.

The key points to bring to the Board's attention from each meeting are detailed in accompanying decision logs (Appendix 1). The confirmed minutes from the 12 May 2026 meeting are also attached for assurance (Appendix 2).

12 May 2026

The following items were submitted to the meeting of the Committee and details are contained within the attached decision log (Appendix 1) and confirmed minutes (Appendix 2):

- Freedom to Speak Up (FTSU) Quarter Four Report
- Sir Jim Mackie Letter
- Commitment to Carers
- Foundation Trusts Provider Collaborative Agreement

9 June 2026

The following items were submitted to the meeting of the Committee. As the July meeting was stood down, there are no minutes or decision log to include; these will be presented at the next meeting:

- Draft NENC ICB Annual Report and Accounts
- Programme Delivery Model and Training Programme
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Autism Update and the draft Adult ADHD Commissioning Policy
- New Establishment and Vacancy Control Process
- ICBP020 Incident Reporting and Management Policy
- ICBP055 Use of AI and Approval Policy
- ICBP025 Intellectual Property Management and Revenue Sharing Policy
- ICBP008 Confidentiality and Data Protection Policy

- ICBP010 Data Quality Policy
- ICBP012 Electronic Signature Policy
- Lord Mann Review Letter and Actions

The confirmed minutes from the Leadership Committee meeting held on 12 May 2026 are attached as appendix 2, respectively.

Assure: *Areas of assurance that the Committee has received*

The Committee also received several items for assurance, and these included:

- Chief Delivery Officer report – an information and assurance summary report of business within the respective place areas.
- Board Assurance Framework and Risk Management Reports
- Assurance via a number of subcommittee minutes
- Strategic Commissioning and Delivery Planning Updates
- Finance reports
- Integrated Delivery Report
- Quality Update Report
- ICB Policy Overview Matrix

Supporting Documentation

- *Confirmed minutes 12 May 2026*
- *Decision logs (Appendix 1) 12 May 2026*

Conflicts of Interest

Any potential/actual conflicts of interest associated with the paper? (please tick)	**Yes**		**No**	✓

N/A

Recommendation / Action Required

The Board is asked to receive the Committee Escalation and Assurance Report and ask any questions of the Committee Chair.

The Board is asked to receive confirmed minutes (Appendix 2) and decision logs (Appendix 1) from the meeting held on 12 May 2026 for information and assurance.

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Date of Approval	22/07/2026

Appendix 1 - Decisions Log – Public Leadership Committee – May 2026

Agenda Item	Description	Decision/action
Freedom to Speak Up (FTSU) Quarter Four Report	The report provided the Committee with on activity, emerging themes, and key developments from the Freedom to Speak Up Guardian service for Quarter Four 2025/26. It was reported that nine confidential concerns had been raised during the quarter, all of which had been resolved.	The Committee supported the development of a regional Primary Care FTSU Guardian support group and ongoing staff engagement activities.
Sir Jim Mackie Letter	The report provided the Committee with the current draft response to the letter received from Sir Jim Mackey, NHS England Chief Executive, dated 1 April 2026 regarding the next steps on planning and priorities for 2026/27.	The Committee supported continued engagement with system partners ahead of final submission to NHS England by 15 May 2026 and delegated authority to the Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer to approve final amendments prior to submission.
Commitment to Carers	The report provided the Committee with proposal for the ICB to sign up to the Commitment to Unpaid Carers Pledge. The report outlined its origins, intent, and proposed implications. A gap analysis and draft action plan were presented, setting out proposed actions for the ICB both as an employer and a commissioner.	The Committee supported the progress of operational oversight through the Neighbourhood Subcommittee.
Foundation Trusts Provider Collaborative Agreement	The report provided the Committee with proposed 2026/27 Responsibility Agreement between the ICB and Foundation Trusts Provider Collaborative.	The Committee approved the Foundation Trust Provider Collaborative Responsibility Agreement with the caveat that the agreement is strengthened to explicitly reference health inequalities, urgent care and clarify digital and workforce wellbeing commitments.