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REPORT CLASSIFICATION	✓	CATEGORY OF PAPER	✓
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BOARD

30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Report Title:

Executive Committee Highlight Report and Confirmed Minutes

Purpose of report

To provide the Board with an overview of the decisions agreed at the Executive Committee meeting in July 2025 and the confirmed minutes from this meeting.

Key points

The Executive Committee met on 8 July 2025.

The key points to bring to the Board's attention from the meeting are detailed in accompanying decision log (Appendix 1) and the confirmed minutes (Appendix 2).

8 July 2025

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):

- Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) Hubs
- Oliver McGowan Training
- Staff Survey and Audit Response Plan
- Mental Health Assertive and Intensive Community Action Plans
- Northern Cancer Alliance Workplan and Financial Plan 2025/26
- Procurement Strategy
- Foundation Trust Provider Collaborative Agreement
- Health and Growth Accelerator Financial Plan
- Fit and Proper Person Test Policy
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Statutory Neonatal Care Leave Policy
- Staff Fertility Policy

The minutes from the August 2025 meeting have been postponed to the October 2025 meeting as a result of priority planning by the Executive Team. These minutes will subsequently be submitted to the Board for review at the November 2025 meeting.

Risks and issues

The Committee noted the reported risks and mitigating actions being put in place as detailed in the report appendices.

Assurances and supporting documentation

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.
- Assurance via a number of subcommittee minutes.
- Finance reports
- Integrated Delivery Report
- Board Assurance Framework and Risk Register
- Urgent and Emergency Care Winter Planning Update

Recommendation/action required

The Board is asked to:

- Receive the highlight report and decision logs for the Executive Committee meeting held on 8 July 2025 for information and assurance (Appendix 1).
- Receive the confirmed minutes for the meeting held on 8 July 2025 (Appendix 2).

Acronyms and abbreviations explained

NENC - North East and North Cumbria

ICS - Integrated Care System

ICB - Integrated Care Board

IDR – Integrated Delivery Report

LDT – Local Delivery Teams

PSR - Provider Selection Regime

Sponsor/Approving Executive Director

S Allen, Chief Executive

Date approved by Executive Director

22 September 2025

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Link to ICP strategy priorities

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?

Yes

No

✓

N/A

N/A

Equality analysis completed

Yes

No

N/A

✓

If there is an expected impact on patient outcomes and/or experience, has a quality impact assessment been undertaken?

Yes

No

N/A

✓

Essential considerations	
Financial implications and considerations	Identified as part of the committee minutes.
Contracting and Procurement	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Local Delivery Team	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Digital implications	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Clinical involvement	Yes, as part of the Executive Committee membership.
Health inequalities	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Patient and public involvement	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Partner and/or other stakeholder engagement	Not applicable as highlight report only.
Other resources	Not applicable as highlight report only.

Appendix 1 - Decisions Log – Public Executive Committee – July 2025

Agenda Item	Description	Decision/action
Acute Respiratory Infection Hubs	<p>The report provided the Committee with a summary of ARI hub utilisation across NENC in 2024/25, and the proposed planned approach of the ARI model and specification for 2025/26.</p> <p>The report outlined the high utilisation of ARI hubs indicates the need for the service to manage demand for acute presentations of respiratory illness during a period of surge and that the hubs benefit primary care capacity and aim to reduce social spread of respiratory illness by keeping patients away from GP practices who can concentrate on other core elements of primary care.</p>	The Committee approved the approach to ARI hub delivery for 2025/26
Oliver McGowan Training (OMMT)	<p>The report provided the Committee with on the delivery of the statutory learning disability autism awareness training across the NHS part of NENC.</p> <p>The report sets ambitions to build on what we have already done in terms of the foundations to have a more sustainable model going into next year.</p>	The Committee approved the funding for option one as set out within the report
Northern Cancer Alliance Workplan and Financial Plan 2025/26	<p>This report provided the Committee with the 2025/26 Northern Cancer Alliance (NCA) workplan and the allocated System Development Funding.</p> <p>The report outlined the status of the funding and the current governance arrangements for the Alliance acknowledging that there will be significant changes in both ICB and NHSE structures in 2025/26 which may impact on the programme in year.</p>	The Committee recommended approved the 2025/26 Cancer Alliance workplan, financial plan and proposed spend
Foundation Trust Provider Collaborative Agreement 2025/26	The report provided the Committee with the 2025/26 Responsibility Agreement between the ICB and Provider Collaborative.	The Committee approved the Responsibility Agreement and resourcing with the caveat that the Chief Delivery

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	<p>It was noted that there is a reduction in funding and as 2025/26 progresses, the agreement will need to be reviewed in light of the Model ICB Blueprint and associated implications.</p>	<p>Officer develop wording to be included within the agreement relating to community/neighbourhood health</p>
<p>Health and Growth Accelerator Financial Plan</p>	<p>This report provided the Committee with the detailed financial plan for the Health and Growth Accelerator programme.</p> <p>The report sets out the overview of each of the proposed lines of expenditure, the rationale for its selection and evidence base including £1.4m for digital technology and £6m devolved to local delivery teams to commission locally delivered services through GP referrals.</p>	<p>The Committee approved the allocation of the funding and the business and investment cases as outlined within the report</p>
<p>Fit and Proper Person Test Policy</p>	<p>The Committee received the Fit and Proper Person Test Policy for review and approval.</p> <p>The Policy outlines how the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board will apply the Fit and Proper Person Test Framework to ensure it complies with the requirements.</p>	<p>The Committee approved the Fit and Proper Person Test Policy for review and approval.</p>
<p>NENC ICB People Policies</p>	<p>The following policies were presented to the Committee following an annual review and minor updates:</p> <p>The following Policies were reviewed and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR01 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy • HR06G - Statutory Neonatal Care Leave Policy • HR06H – Staff Fertility Policy 	<p>The Committee approved the minor amends of the current policies</p>