

**L&SC Integrated Care Board**

**Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee**

<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
<b>Title of paper</b>	<b>Primary Care Assurance Framework Review Outcome Response</b>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Confidential</b>	<b>No</b>

**Purpose of the paper**

To present for noting, the ICBs response to the outcome of NHS England’s review of the Annual Primary Care Assurance Framework.

**Executive summary**

The ICB has delegated responsibility from NHS England for the commissioning of primary care services. These are:

- Primary Medical Care Services (GP Practices)
- Primary Dental and Prescribed Dental Services (Dental practices)
- Primary Ophthalmic Services (Optometry practices)
- Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services (Pharmacies)

The ICB holds a delegation agreement with NHS England which requires the ICB to make primary care commissioning decisions in line with relevant legislation, national policy and agreed processes and to submit an Annual Assurance Framework which was received and approved by PCCSC on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025, NHS England Northwest Region wrote to the ICB noting that the ICB is compliant with the delegation agreement and relevant legislation, but that some risks have been identified. The letter requested an update on the risk and confirmation if the risk has been resolved along with supporting narrative as to how this has been resolved.

This paper presents for noting the template and covering letter submitted to NHSE NW on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025, in response to the letter.

**Recommendations**

Primary Care Contracts Sub-Committee are asked to:

- Note the ICBs response to the NHSE Primary Care Assurance Framework Review Outcome

**Governance and reporting (list other forums that have discussed this paper)**

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<b>Conflicts of interest identified</b>				
Not applicable				
<b>Implications</b>				
<i>If yes, please provide a brief risk description and reference number</i>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Quality impact assessment completed			X	
Equality impact assessment completed			X	
Privacy impact assessment completed			X	
Financial impact assessment completed			X	
Associated risks			X	
Are associated risks detailed on the ICS Risk Register?			X	

Report authorised by:	Craig Harris, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Commissioner
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