

Integrated Care Board

Date of meeting	22 January 2026			
Title of paper	Northwest Specialised Commissioning Committee Escalation and Assurance Reports			
Presented by	Craig Harris, Chief Operating Officer			
Author	Board Secretary and Committee Officers			
Agenda item	17			
Confidential	No			
Executive summary				
This report highlights key matters, issues, and risks discussed at the Northwest Specialised Commissioning Committee held since the last report to the Board.				
Public and Stakeholder Engagement				
N/A				
Recommendations				
The Board is asked to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the Alert, Advise and Assure the committee report and approve any recommendations as listed 				
Which Strategic Objective/s does the report relate to:				Tick
SO1	Improve quality, including safety, clinical outcomes, and patient experience			✓
SO2	To equalise opportunities and clinical outcomes across the area			✓
SO3	Make working in Lancashire and South Cumbria an attractive and desirable option for existing and potential employees			✓
SO4	Meet financial targets and deliver improved productivity			✓
SO5	Meet national and locally determined performance standards and targets			✓
SO6	To develop and implement ambitious, deliverable strategies			✓
Implications				
	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Associated risks		✓		
Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?			✓	
Financial Implications			✓	
Where paper has been discussed (list other committees/forums that have discussed this paper)				
Meeting	Date		Outcomes	
Northwest Specialised Commissioning Committee	11 December 2025		To provide the Board of committee business during this period.	
Conflicts of interest associated with this report				
Not applicable.				
Impact assessments				
	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Quality impact assessment completed			✓	

Equality impact assessment completed			✓	
Data privacy impact assessment completed			✓	

Report authorised by:	C Harris, Chief Operating Officer
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Northwest Specialised Commissioning Committee Escalation and Assurance Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report highlights key matters, issues, and risks discussed at Northwest Specialised Commissioning Committee held since the last report to the Board on 27 November 2025 to alert, advise and assure the Board.

2. Northwest Specialised Commissioning Committee Highlight Report

Key escalation and discussion points from the Committee meeting	
Date of Meeting: 11 December 2025	Chair: Ruth Hussey
Alert	
Nil to report	
Advise	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee endorsed a direct award approach for NW Osteochondral Allograft transplantation (OCA) and Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation (ACI) Services under the Provider Selection Regime. 	
Assure	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed the financial planning process for specialised services, noting the importance of triangulation with contract teams to support assurance frameworks. 	

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The committee has conducted their business in line with their terms of reference and associated business plans.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Board is requested to:
- Note the Alert, Advise and Assure within the committee report and approve any recommendations as listed

ICB Chief Operating Officer
January 2026