

Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Provider Selection Regime Annual Summary Report 2025/26

In accordance with Regulation 25 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board is required to produce an annual summary of its contracting activity for the provision of relevant health care services.

Below is a summary in relation to all contracts awarded using the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) that commenced between 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026.

PSR Route Information	
Number of contracts directly awarded under direct award process A	28
Number of contracts directly awarded under direct award process B	15
Number of contracts directly awarded under direct award process C	46
Number of contracts awarded under the most suitable provider process	1
Number of contracts awarded under the competitive process	3
Number of framework agreements concluded	0
Number of contracts awarded based on a framework agreement/Dynamic Purchasing System	*see below
Number of urgent contracts awarded	17
Number of urgent modifications	0
*For All Age Continuing Care (AACC) individual care packages, LSC ICB contract with domiciliary care providers, supported living providers and nursing homes via a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). At the start of the 2025/2026 contracting year, the ICB contracted with over 300 providers in total. The numbers above do not include primary care local enhanced services and general ophthalmic services. Arrangements for local enhanced services in Lancashire and South Cumbria continued with existing pharmacy providers and general ophthalmic services via Direct Award B and general practice providers via Direct Award A.	

Provider Information	
Number of new providers awarded contracts in 2025/2026 (for health care services)	TBC
Number of providers who ceased to hold any contracts with the ICB in 2025/2026 who held a contract in the previous year (for health care services)	TBC
Representations (challenges relating to PSR decisions) received between 1 April 2025– 31 March 2026	
Details of representations received;	
The number of representations received in writing and during the standstill period in accordance with Regulation 12(3) of the PSR regulations	2
Summary of the outcome of all representations received and of the nature and impact of those representations.	See below
Details of any reviews by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel;	
Number of requests for consideration received by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel.	0
Number of requests accepted and rejected by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel for consideration.	0
Number of times where the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel advised the ICB to re-run or go back to an earlier step in a provider selection process under the PSR, and the number of times the advice was followed.	0

Summary of the outcome of all representations received and of the nature and impact of those representations.

Representation regarding the intention to award contracts to existing providers via the Direct Award Process C for the provision of Community Audiology services

The ICB received a representation on the 10th April 2025 in relation to the intention to award contracts for the provision of Community Audiology services to existing providers via the Direct Award Process C. The representation highlighted some concerns relating to the use of Direct Award Process C and compliance with the regulations and whether the considerable change thresholds had been met in respect of the awards. The ICB reviewed the evidence and information used to make the original decision and the additional information shared as part of the representation and concluded that the representation had merit. The Direct Award Process C was abandoned for the contract awards of the Community Audiology contracts and the ICB returned to the step of selecting the most suitable PSR route. The contracts were consequently awarded via Direct Award Process B.

Representation regarding the intention to award a contract for the provision of a Dementia Post Diagnostic Support Service following a competitive process

The ICB received a representation on the 16th April 2025 in relation to the intention to award a contract for the provision of a Dementia Post Diagnostic Support Service following a competitive process. The representation highlighted some concerns relating to the scoring of

the bids and requested that the scoring and subsequent contract award decision was reviewed. The ICB reviewed the evidence and information used to make the original decision. The ICB concluded that the scoring process has been correctly followed and confirmed that the ICB would continue with the original award of contract and enter into a contract with the preferred bidder. No further action was taken by the provider that made the representation.

The ICB has received some further representations in February 2026 relating to a live competitive procurement. At the time of preparing this annual report, the outcome of those representations and the procurement was still pending and therefore the information relating to these representations will be reported in the 2026/27 annual summary.