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| **Agenda Item No:**  | **15b** |



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| **Report to:**  | Humber & North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board |
| **Date of Meeting:** | 8th January 2025 |
| **Subject:** | **Question to the Board** |
| **Director Sponsor:** | Karina Ellis, Executive Director of Corporate Affairs |
| **Author:** | Governance & Compliance Team |

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| **STATUS OF THE REPORT:** Approve [ ]  Discuss [x]  Assurance [ ]  Information [ ]  A Regulatory Requirement [ ]  |

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| SUMMARY OF REPORT:In accordance with ICB procedures, public board meetings include a standing agenda item allowing members of the public to submit up to two questions in advance about any item on the published agenda. The ICB Chair has the discretion to decide whether to address questions not related to an agenda item during the meeting.A public question has been received and approved for consideration by the Chair as followsIn a recent Press Article[[1]](#footnote-1), the Chief Delivery Officer at NE & Cumbria ICB (population c. 3.1m) is quoted:  “We have recently increased annual funding for autism and neurodiversity services in the region by more than £3 million per year, and this will help to support autism assessment as well as pre and post-diagnostic support.”Meanwhile, a recent response to a FOI request[[2]](#footnote-2) relating to North Yorkshire and York (population c. 800k) states:   NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) can confirm the total contracted budget for the Adult Autism and ADHD service for North Yorkshire and York is £1,252,880 for both 2023/24 and the forecast for 2024/25.Does this Board consider it is taking sufficiently seriously the unmet demand for diagnostic services for Autism and ADHD assessments and the resultant impact on health inequalities, given the considerably longer backlog across North Yorkshire and York?  Why has no additional money so far been allocated for 2024/25 in NY&Y and when and by whom will such decision be made for 2025/26?For Information Please refer to the link below for the publication of questions and answers previously submitted to the board. <https://humberandnorthyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk/public-questions-and-petitions/>**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Members are asked to:1. Receive the question and note that the response provided to the meeting will subsequently be sent in writing to the enquirer.
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| **ICB STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**  |

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| Leading for Excellence |[x]
| Leading for Prevention |[x]
| Leading for Sustainability |[x]
| Voice at the Heart |[x]

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| **IMPLICATIONS** |

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| Finance | No adverse implications identified in relation to the submission of the question.  |
| Quality | No adverse implications identified in relation to the submission of the question.  |
| HR | No adverse implications identified in relation to the submission of the question.  |
| Legal / Regulatory | No adverse implications identified in relation to the submission of the question.  |
| Data Protection / IG | No adverse implications identified in relation to the submission of the question.  |
| Health inequality / equality | No adverse implications identified in relation to the submission of the question.  |
| Conflict of Interest Aspects | No adverse implications identified in relation to the submission of the question.  |
| Sustainability | No adverse implications identified in relation to the submission of the question.  |

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| **ASSESSED RISK:** There are no risks identified in relation to this paper.  |

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| **MONITORING AND ASSURANCE:** Monitoring and assurance of the matter will be undertaken by the ICB Board. |

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| **ENGAGEMENT:**In line with the procedure, the ICB will facilitate subsequent follow-up, as required. |

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| **REPORT EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE** No [x]  Yes [ ]  |

1. [Northern Echo, 2nd December 2024](https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/24758081.autism-diagnosis-crisis-waiting-list-grows/) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. ICB Ref: HNY 1164, 24th October 2024 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)