Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Feedback Report to Trust Board

Report from:	Report from Resources Committee			
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Date of Meeting:	26 June 2025			
Purpose				
To provide Trust Board with an update from the Fourth Meeting of the Resources Committee.				
Strategic Objectives (select)				
Build Northern Partnerships and Integrate Care	***Continue to improve Outcomes & Experience***	***Deliver value by optimising Resources***	***Nurture our people, enable our talent and build our Teams***	***Improve population Health and address health and social care inequalities***
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Summary of Committee Business

The fourth meeting of the Resources Committee took place on 10 June 2025.

- The Committee considered the Trust Finance Performance Report for the 12 Months to March, noting the small reported surplus of £66,000, after taking account of Deficit funding from DoH of £31m. It was noted the Trust prompt payment performance of 97.2%.
- Total Savings Achieved in Year of £33.1m – overachievement of £2.0m; with planned further savings to be achieved in 2025/26 of £5.1m.
- The Committee received a report on the Trust's Action Plan, to be taken forward over the next 12 months, to address the recommendations of the External Financial Governance Review that took place in 2024;
- It as noted that the rust currently projected a shortfall of @£36m, which is to be addressed by a combination of Deficit Support Funding, further internal Low Impact measures and, most notably, via workstreams arising as part of regional System Financial Management Group. Thhere will be continuing engagement on the Financial Plan woth SPPG and DOH over coming weeks.
- Director of Finance reported that the regional financial revenue shortfall in approximately £600m.
- It was also noted that the Capital funding outlook is extremely constrained.
- Locally areas of focus, including those requiring regional enablement, are: Nurse Agency, Medical Workforce, Social/Enhanced Care, Productivity, sustainability and Procurement.
- The 2023/24 PLICS report was presented, indicating that Northern Trust index remains comparatively good. As in 2022/23, this is driven mainly by better performance in Inpatient and Outpatient costs relative to peers. The Trust remains slightly more expensive than average across Emergency and Community and Personal Social Services.
- The Committee received an update on the Elective Care Framework and the associated Implementation and Funding Plan.
- A report was received outlining a positive update on Trust progress with respect to closure and de-escalation of issues raised within the Support and Intervention Framework.

• Reports were received in respect of the Trust Strategic Capital Plan, Procurement Board and Property Asset Management. • An analysis of Revenue Business Cases from April 2025 to June 2025 was noted.
Reports Approved by the Committee
Items for Escalation to Trust Board