

Key Messages North East and Yorkshire Regional Advisory Forum – September 2026**Strengthening Collaboration Across the NHS**

The forum reviewed progress since the previous meeting and discussed key national priorities affecting procurement and supply chain teams. Members recognised the continued importance of collaboration, communication and shared learning in addressing the challenges facing NHS organisations.

NHS Supply Chain Transformation and Modernisation

An update was provided on NHS Supply Chain's major transformation programmes, including Supply Chain Modernisation, Commercial Transformation, Pricing Simplification and Trading Improvements. Work continues to improve services, strengthen customer experience and ensure future operating models are shaped by customer needs.

A Customer Design Board (CDB) has been established to ensure customer insight directly informs future design and development activity. Regional forums will continue to play an important role in providing feedback and influencing change.

Sharing Best Practice Across the System

The forum welcomed the introduction of regular best practice sharing, recognising the value of learning from successful procurement and supply chain initiatives across different organisations and regions. Members agreed that continued sharing of practical examples will help drive innovation, collaboration and improved outcomes across the NHS.

Development of a New Partnership Metrics Dashboard

Work is progressing on a new Partnership Metrics Dashboard that will provide performance insights at national, regional, ICS and trust level. The dashboard is intended to support benchmarking, identify opportunities for improvement and provide greater visibility of performance trends across the NHS.

Enhancing Resilience Through Clinical Product Segmentation

Members received an update on the development of a new clinical product segmentation and supplier assurance framework. The programme aims to improve understanding of clinically critical products, strengthen resilience planning and support more proactive management of supply risks across the healthcare system.

ICS and Regional Collaboration

ICS representatives shared updates on collaborative procurement activity, adoption of the national savings methodology and ongoing work to align governance arrangements. While financial pressures remain significant across the system, members highlighted the benefits of partnership working and the continued focus on delivering value and efficiencies for the NHS.