

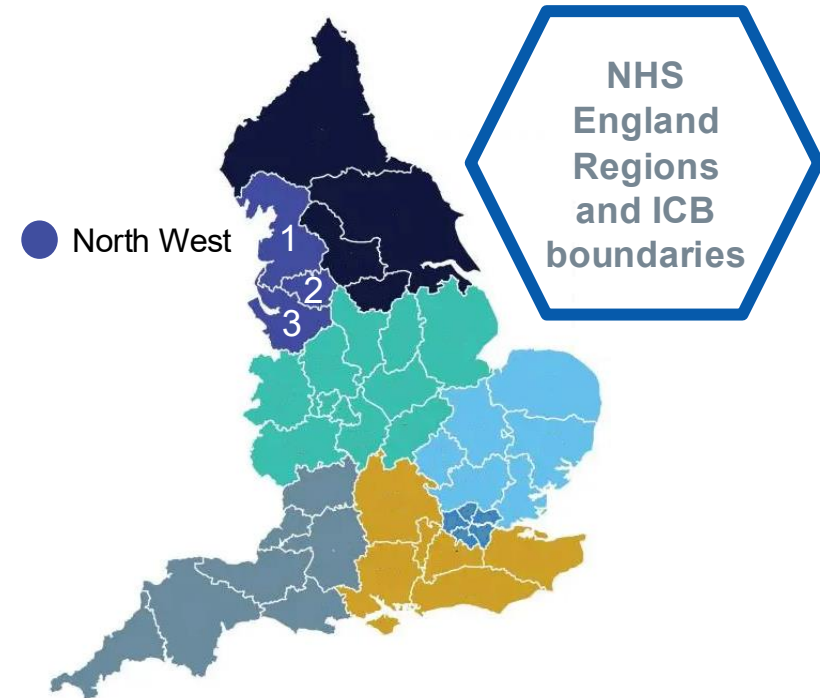
2025/26 Workplan

The Network

The Neurosurgery Specialised Services Clinical Network brings together the region's three neurosurgery providers in collaboration.

The Network's Vision is to ensure that patients receive the highest levels of patient-centred, multi-disciplinary care in the most appropriate environment

Provider	Integrated Care Board (and map reference)	Catchment Population
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Lancashire and South Cumbria (1)	1.9M
Manchester Centre for Clinical Neurosciences (Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust)	Greater Manchester (2)	3.3M
The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust	Cheshire and Merseyside (3)	4.3M



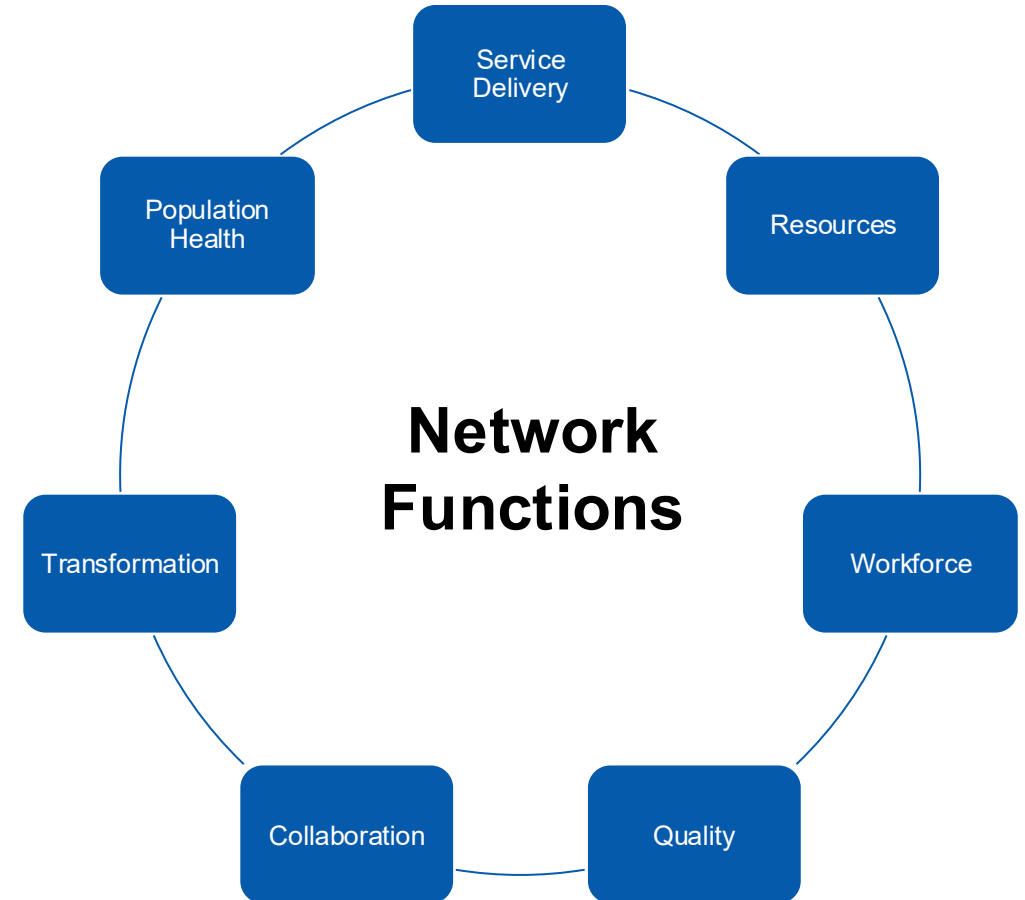
How we work

The Clinical Network Specification guides our structure

National Programmes, like GIRFT, influence our ambitions

Our insights programme provides data and analysis to inform and monitor our plans

We build partnerships with other Networks and services to ensure our work is integrated and adding value



Guiding Principles

Our three Principles align everything the Network does and maintain our focus towards the vision

Access

Outcomes

Experience

Developing Strategy

The Network commenced in 2024 and is transitioning from an establishment to a planning and delivery phase.

Network Leaders are ambitious and motivated to realise the Vision. During 2025 and early 2026, they are working on developing a multi-year strategy to guide our work through to 2030.

In April 2025, Network Leaders met and agreed on broad strategic themes and objectives, forming an indicative strategy.

Strategic Themes and Objectives

Network Development

Engage with, and when appropriate, establish partnerships with other Networks, Local Government and complementary organisations

Enhance the Network's reputation through marketing, communications and engagement initiatives

Establish methods of analysing the factors affecting our Network and its providers

Low Volume High Complexity

Adapt and adopt the Low Volume High Complexity model into the region

Host the Clival Chordoma and Chondrosarcoma National MDT

Create opportunities for research and model development

Remain commissioned to provide all procedures in the North West and support other Networks to maintain service access

Clinical Governance

Appraise and publish Gold-Standard Neurosurgical pathways, supporting providers to adopt and adapt toward them

Monitor services

Quality Improvement and Innovation

Review the use of innovative care models

Develop, incentivise, and support quality improvement and innovation initiatives

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North West

Neurosurgery Specialised Clinical Network

Engage with, and when appropriate, establish partnerships with other Networks, Local Government and complementary organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter into a strategic partnership with the North East and Yorkshire Neurosurgery Network• Create a commercial strategy for the Network to increase funding from non-NHS England sources• Align workplans with the Regional Spinal Network
Enhance the Network's reputation through marketing, communications and engagement initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a Communications and Engagement Plan
Establish methods of analysing the factors affecting our Network and its providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publish a joint data strategy with the Regional Spinal Network• Publish the first version of the Neurosurgery Data Dashboard
Adapt and adopt the Low Volume High Complexity model into the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rationalise the Level 2 procedures and establish regional MDTs, clinical and operational protocols. Monitor the model and implement enabling factors, such as PACS access and surgeon passporting
Host the National Clival Chordoma and Chondrosarcoma National MDT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop the project based on the submission to NHS England (assuming the contract is awarded)
Create opportunities for research and model development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leverage data sets from the National MDT and in partnership with the NEY Network to generate research, insights, and further develop the model beyond North West borders
Remain commissioned to provide all procedures in the North West and support other Networks to maintain service access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support providers to meet the revised service specification (once published)
Appraise and publish Gold-Standard Neurosurgical pathways, supporting providers to adopt and adapt toward them	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer review Subarachnoid Haemorrhage and Decompressive Craniotomy services, evaluate against metrics and best practice. Hold study days and engage the whole pathway (pre and post surgery) to advance care
Monitor services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop an audit programme, establish data flows and quality metrics
Review the use of innovative care models	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate Prehab, DOSA, and ERAS approaches at the Network level and support their development
Develop, incentivise, and support quality improvement and innovation initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin a small project grant scheme for quality improvement projects and work with other QI functions (cancer alliances for example) to incentivise QI• Enable innovation at scale with external partners (digital/commercial pharma etc)