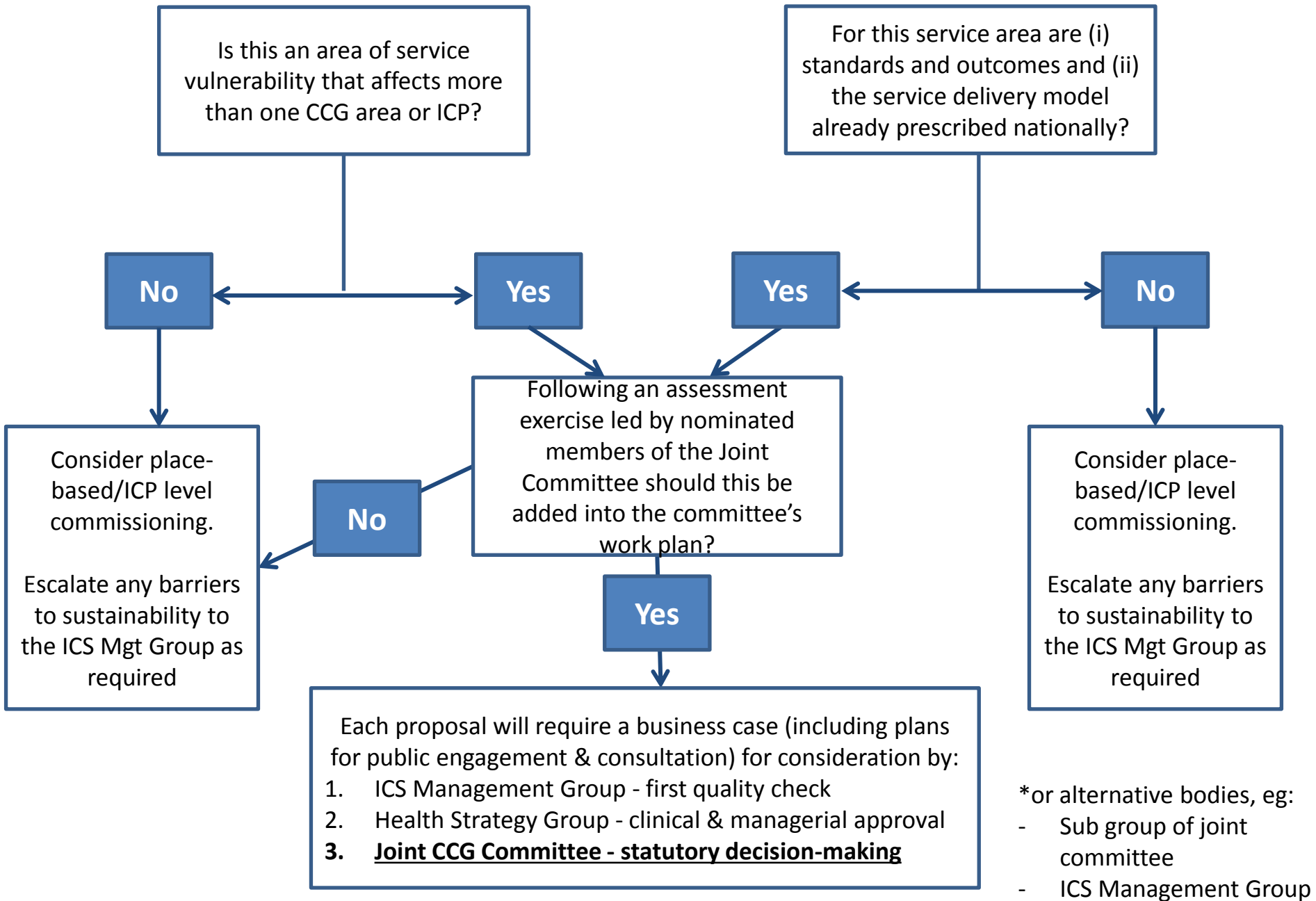


Flowchart to identify ICS-level commissioning decisions in the North East & North Cumbria



Potential scoring criteria (a score between 15-25 would be eligible for consideration by the Committee)

Category (details set out in business case)	Very Low 1	Low 2	Mid-scale 3	High 4	Top 5
Contributes to the achievement of ICS aspirations	Proposal does not demonstrate any links to the achievement of ICS outcome aspirations	Proposal would make a limited contribution to the delivery of some ICS outcome aspirations	Proposal would make a contribution to the achievement of one ICS objective	Proposal demonstrates a clear contribution to the delivery of more than one ICS objective	Proposal strongly demonstrates a significant contribution to the achievement of more than one ICS outcome aspiration
Working at ICS-scale would improve Quality & Safety	Does not provide enough quality evidence.	Weak, but includes some quality evidence.	Reasonable amount of quality evidence.	Adequate amount of quality evidence.	Strong quality evidence base.
Working at ICS scale would deliver significant finance & efficiency gains	Proposal costing does not suggest credible financial savings from commissioning at scale	Proposal calculations and estimated expenditure are weak and do not detail a breakdown and/or forecast of the project expenditure and likely efficiency gains	Proposal outline is viable, achievable and affordable. Includes a breakdown of projected spend and credible forecast savings	Project calculations detailed with breakdown of quarterly expenditure, affordable, viable and achievable, with indication of projected savings.	Proposal would be cost effective with detailed savings expected over project delivery and beyond as a result of expected impact - spreadsheet costing, detailed project expenditure and projected forecast provided attached as appendix.
The risks of working at scale have been considered	Proposal shows no consideration of risk, nor how risk could be managed	Proposal indicates a consideration of risk management and reduction measures	Proposal includes some consideration of risks and includes a strategy, contingency plans for future risk.	Proposal includes a detailed risk register and interdependencies, including the issues that may arise as a result of delivery	Proposal clearly identifies the potential or real risk and proposes mitigating actions (including risks to the health economy)
Contracting & Procurement	Proposal does not clearly identify the implications for contracting, procurement or the implications for existing contractors or decommissioning strategy, nor timelines for procurement process as part of the application and delivery.	Project indicates how services will be impacted, what the current timeline and impact and what services and support would be required as part of the process for delivery.	Project indicates the implication for timelines and how this will be incorporated into the process for delivery.	Project clearly indicates the approach to and options considered as part of the delivery process.	Project clearly identifies the implications for contracting, procurement and the implications for existing contractors and decommissioning strategy, outlining how the contract will achieve real objectives in the appropriate contractual schedules.