

## **Northern Academies Alliance**

### **Overview**

This project was based on the vision of the National Schools Commissioner and the Regional Schools Commissioners vision that Multi-Academy Trusts work with each other to be both givers and receivers of support for each other and the wider system under their direction.

The project proposed to create a Multi-Academy Trust Alliance within a geographical region to be a force for educational excellence, responsible to the RSC / NSC.

Within the North East and East Midlands (inc. West Yorkshire) there were a number of significant educational challenges. As of April 2017, the national average for Good and Outstanding schools was 89%. Within the North East / Yorkshire and Humber this figure was 86%. Out of the 12 Opportunity Areas, there were 4 within this region; the need for the North to become the powerhouse that it once was is well documented. This will only be achieved through excellent education which required RSCs to have capacity to develop and sustain outstanding practice. The project started with 5 partner trusts, and over time to grow to include other northern MATs. The aim of this project was a systematic and logical development of Multi Academy Trusts as system leaders, working to and with Regional Schools Commissioners.

### **Good practice to share with others interested in running school improvement projects to ensure projects deliver the intended outcome.**

- The alliance has a proven track record of success and established regional relationships and this quickly led to levels of trust between the members, allowing for honest challenge. Where relationships were not as established, support work more challenging.

### **Sustainability measures taken by projects to ensure improvement are sustained beyond the funding period.**

Plan for sustaining and scaling an innovation from the outset:

- The Northern Alliance of Trusts is established and more trusts have joined. This forms a group of system leaders who can share capacity to support the wider system as required by RSCs. This group will continue to operate.