February 2026 Report

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Key events, issues, and achievements since the last report.

GENERAL UPDATE –

We have delivered to young people across the CB with 134 new registrations at 61 boys and 73 girls

Alnwick: A slow start in developing links with schools. That has changed with a high uptake being seen across the board. Duchess High School has allowed access and is now confident in the delivery. Access gained in Amble, Rothbury and Whitingham

Ashington: Very good uptake. Additional delivery in Cambois and Choppington

Blyth: Going well. Blyth Academy now have a team and are looking for fixtures. Transition rate here is good

Gosforth: Gosforth East proving to be a good transition area.

Morpeth: Major success story around girl participation. A lot to do with the energy and 'going that bit extra' delivered by Amy at the Foundation

North Shields: Limited delivery. The Foundation are getting into John Spence. We are aware of the struggles and have spoken to our Foundation representative on how to develop relationships in the club

Northern: North Gosforth Academy is going reasonably well.

Novocastrians: Concern. No delivery as yet. A plan is in place and there is a club contact. Needs work

Percy Park: Okay. The clubs removal from the Coastal Project has caused a 'trust' issue that the Foundation are 'catching up on'. Delivery is taking place

Ponteland: The club is working with an outside provider. Delivery is taking place however progress is slow

Tynedale: Another success. Real participation from Club with Foundation has resulted of games being arranged between Middle Schools and an uptake of girl participation. Challenge has to be to delivery toward the west of the county e.g. Haydon Bridge

Wallsend: Success story. Real engagement from the club has shown positive reaction with over 156 new participants. Wallsend are working hard to transition numbers across to the rugby club

W/Bay Rockcliff: Delivery across Whitley Bay. The Foundation are now engaging in Seaton Valley at Whytrig Middle and Seaton Valley High School. Success around girl development.

Note: On Sunday 25th January at Morpeth RFC the Foundation delivered a U12 girls 'pitch up and play' attracting 25 new players from Morpeth, Tynedale, Blyth and WB Rockcliff.
Current and impending issues, events, and work streams Improving relationships. We have met with all points of contacts in clubs at a presentation at Newcastle Red Bull. Work in progress but real signs of understanding 'across the board' on what we are hoping to achieve
Issues requiring Decision, Discussion or Dissemination Nil

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