

Members of the Governing Body are asked to:

- 1. Consider the content of the Chief Clinical Officer and Chief Operating Officer report**

Health and Well Being Board

The board has appointed Cllr Susan Dungworth as its new chair; Cllr Scott Dickinson will be vice chair.

At its June meeting, the board received a report on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan for the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear area and noted the considerable financial challenge to the system over the next five years. The STP is designed to focus on prevention of ill health and upon the care and quality of services, in order to ensure the long term financial stability of the NHS. The board welcomed the ambition articulated in the plan and noted the considerable amount of work needed, by all health and care agencies, to deliver the ambitions of the plan.

CCG financial recovery

The CCG has finalised its financial recovery plan which has now been submitted that to NHS England. Simon Gittoes Davies has been appointed as the interim Director of Financial Recovery for a six month period. Simon joined the CCG in June.

Whilst the financial challenge faced by the CCG is considerable, the plan to meet the challenge is strong and credible. All partners, from practices to acute trusts and mental health providers to local authority colleagues, are working together to deliver the long term financial stability of the health economy in Northumberland. A progress update report will be provided to each governing body meeting.

As part of this year's programme, the CCG has secured more than half of its financial savings through the contract negotiations with the main acute providers and budget setting. Whilst some risks to the achievement of the financial savings remain, having the cooperation of the acute providers is critical in mitigating those risks.

Locality engagement

The CCGs annual 360 degree feedback report for 2015/16 continues to reflect strong leadership and engagement in many areas. However, the executive team has noted the year on year reduction (albeit slight) in the perception of engagement with member practices. As a clinically led organisation, the executive team has considered this feedback at length and has taken action to improve engagement further based on the feedback of practices. For example,

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the practice bulletin processes have been overhauled and in particular the weekly bulletin (issued each Tuesday to de-conflict with known high demand periods in practices) will be standardised and succinct with explicit messages to member practices about the financial recovery programme and the actions needed to deliver the challenge. We will, throughout the year, continue to ask our member practices whether we are getting it right and what else we can do to make sure they feel completely engaged with the work of the CCG.

Northumberland vanguard programme

Work continues at pace to develop the Primary and Acute Care System (PACS) in Northumberland. All practices have been offered funding to create new models of primary care access and have an opportunity to migrate their IT system to the 'PACS system of choice' which could mean all primary and community service being on the same system. We continue to develop our new models of care with an enhanced service from community services wrapping around primary care provision. In parallel, we continue to develop our plans to create an Accountable Care Organisation from April 2017. The Council will consider a paper before summer recess outlining the strategic commissioning arrangements proposed, the Kings Fund has been commissioned to develop the 'health and wellbeing' outcome statements and metrics that will be used to commission the new organisation and the providers are beginning the due diligence process necessary for them to come together in the new accountable care organisation to secure and arrange the health and care services for the population of Northumberland. A programme of CCG staff briefings has been implemented designed to ensure the internal team is fully briefed on developments.

