

NHS North Cumbria CCG Full Council of Members	Agenda Item
14 March 2019	6

NHS North Cumbria CCG Interim Accountable Officer

Purpose of the Report							
To seek Members support for an extension to the existing CCG Interim Accountable Officer arrangements.							
Outcome Required:	Approve		Ratify	X	For Recommendation		For Information
Assurance Framework Reference:							
As detailed in the Strategic Objectives below.							

Recommendation(s):
<p>The Full Council of Members are asked to agree the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A request to NHS England be made to extend the appointment of David Rogers as the Interim Accountable Officer until 31 March 2020 but to that, if agreed, there will be an ongoing review (on a minimum of a quarterly basis) of the Accountable Officer arrangements with NHS England and that arrangements may change during 2019/20.

Executive Summary:
<p>Key Issues:</p> <p>Interim Accountable Officer</p> <p>David Rogers was appointed Interim Accountable Officer on 1 December 2016 (this was in addition to his substantive role of Medical Director). Since then NHS England have issued an extension to the Interim Accountable Officer element and this will expire on 31 March 2019.</p> <p>On Monday 4 March 2019, the Governing Body met and recommended that a further extension be granted to David Rogers to continue as the CCG's Interim Accountable Officer and for this to be reviewed on a regular but at least quarterly basis with NHS England, recognising that there may be changes in this position during the 2019/20 financial year or until such time as</p>

permanent arrangements are agreed. Any Further proposals will be put before the relevant bodies at appropriate times.

Rationale

The North Cumbria Integrated Health and Care system is developing at pace and is one of 14 pioneering areas nationally, comprising the CCG and the two local NHS Trusts. The IHCS is one of four Integrated Care Partnerships based within North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care system which is expected to move to shadow form from April 2019.

Over the next 12 months and in the context of these developments, there is expected to be a phased programme of change for how the CCG delivers its functions. It is not expected that the Dr Rogers would continue in the interim AO role for the 12 month period requested due to the ongoing review process with NHS England but it was believed to be important to cover a longer period to allow for any flexibility or slippage that may occur.

In light of the above Members will recall that discussions have been ongoing with NHS England, and in the context of the developing IHCS with the North Cumbria IHCS System Leader, about the future leadership arrangements for the CCG. There are further discussions planned over the coming months and these are likely to establish a firm direction.

Key Risks:

The CCG is required to have an Accountable Officer. Out-with any development of the IHCS and the broader aspirant North Cumbria and North East Integrated Care System, this will continue to be a legal requirement. There is a risk that NHS England may not support an extension, or that this will not be supported by the Full Council of Members. There is no indication that either of these risks will materialise at this stage.

Implications/Actions for Public and Patient Engagement:

There are no known implications/actions for Public and Patient Engagement.

Financial Impact on the CCG:

There is no known financial impact on the CCG at the time of writing the report.

Strategic Objective(s) supported by this paper:	Please select (X)
Support continuous quality improvement within existing services including General Practice	
Commission a range of health services, including an increasing range of integrated services, appropriate to our population’s needs	
Develop our system leadership role (in the context of an integrated health and care system) and our effectiveness as a partner	X
Continuously improve our organisation and support our staff to excel	

Impact assessment: (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)	N/A
---	-----

Conflicts of Interest Describe any possible Conflicts of interest associated with this paper, and how they will be managed	<p style="text-align: center;">There is no known conflict of interest.</p>
--	--

Lead Director	Jon Rush, Lay Chair
Presented By	Jon Rush, Lay Chair
Contact Details	jon.rush@northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk
Date Report Written	4 March 2019