

NHS CUMBRIA CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP
INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday 29 January 2014, 10:00
Meeting Room 1, Lonsdale Unit, Penrith Hospital

Present:	Ruth Gildert	Nurse Member (RG)
	Nigel Maguire	Chief Officer (Chair) (NM)
	Caroline Rea	Network Director: North Cumbria (CR)
	Peter Rooney	Director of Strategic Planning and Performance (PR)
	Jon Rush	Lay Member – Public Engagement (JR)
	Peter Scott	Lay Member – Finance and Governance (PS)
	Charles Welbourn	Chief Finance Officer (CW)
	Anthony Woodyer	Consultant Member (AW)
In Attendance:	Brenda Thomas	Governing Body Support Officer (BT)
	Rachel Jamieson	Senior Management Assistant (RJ)

1. **AGENDA ITEM 1: WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Action

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Les Hanley, Lay Member for Health and Innovation, Geoff Joliffe, Lead GP for South, Hugh Reeve, Clinical Chair and David Rogers, Medical Director.

2. **AGENDA ITEM 2: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **AGENDA ITEM 3: MINUTES OF 27 NOVEMBER 2013**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved as a true record.

4. **AGENDA ITEM 4: TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference (ToR) had been circulated at the Interim Finance meeting on 27 November 2013. Members had been asked to consider the content of the document and forward any comments regarding amendments. No comments had been received and the Committee agreed that the ToR's would form the remit for the Interim Finance Committee. However, further

consideration would be given to the ToR's in advance of the April Governing Body meeting with a view to determining the remit and membership required for the creation of a Finance and Performance Committee (as detailed in the NHS Cumbria CCG Working Arrangements approved by the Governing Body on 19 December 2013).

ACTION: Review ToR's in advance of Governing Body meeting as detailed above

5. **AGENDA ITEM 7: 4 HOUR A&E AT NCUHT**

Agenda item 7 was brought forward to enable CR to attend a meeting in Carlisle.

CR presented the report detailing the continuing challenges of achieving the 95% target. The CCG acknowledged the problems were significant and were working with the Trust and the Trust Development Agency (TDA) to implement action plans to support achieving the 95% targets required.

RESOLVED: The Committee NOTE the report and acknowledge the actions being taken to develop sustainable plans for 2014/15

6. **AGENDA ITEM 5: FINANCE REPORT**

CW presented the report advising that the CCG remained on target to deliver the forecast surplus for the year. CW gave a summary of the end of year position with the 3 main provider Trusts, North Cumbria University Hospital Trust (NCUHT), University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Foundation Trust (UHMBFT) and Cumbria Partnership Foundation Trust (CPFT).

In response to a question from PS CW confirmed that the detailed analysis data used to provide the finance report would be made available to this Committee. PS stated that it was important, given the NHS was in a state of flux, that the Clinical and Lay Members of the Governing Body had access to the detailed background figures to allow them to make informed decisions.

ACTION: Provide detailed analysis regarding data in the Finance Report to the Interim Finance Committee.

CW

RESOLVED: The Committee NOTE the financial position as reported at November

7. **AGENDA ITEM 6: PERFORMANCE REPORT**

PR presented the report explaining that the format of the document had been changed to demonstrate issues in performance and the steps being taken to resolve them.

In response to a question from JR regarding cancelled operations not being rebooked within 28 days, PR confirmed there was a process in place to resolve this issue.

It was also confirmed that the Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) had been fully reviewed and North of England Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne and Wear was the first responder.

RESOLVED: The Committee NOTE the performance against the national standards and the implication of the performance

8. AGENDA ITEM 8: NORTH CUMBRIA ACQUISITION FUNDING

CW presented the report. Detailed discussion took place around the request for funding NCUHT. In response to a question from RG NM confirmed that the TDA was closely monitoring and driving improvements to be made within the Trust. Members expressed concern with regard to the release of funding without further assurance that clinical improvements would be achieved. In addition confirmation would be required from the TDA that if monies were released to the Trust the CCG would not be required to contribute further when the acquisition of the NCUHT by Northumbria proceeded.

RESOLVED: The Committee AGREED to seek further assurance from NCUHT and the TDA prior to the Governing Body formally considering this request on 20 February 2014.

9. AGENDA ITEM 9: LOCAL ENHANCED SERVICES

CW presented the report advising that a formal process had been followed to review the Local Enhanced Services (LES) as detailed in the report. In response to a question from JR CW confirmed that if GP practices did not undertake the services summarised in the report they would have to be provided by hospitals.

RESOLVED: The Committee AGREED the proposed approach for the future contracting of Local Enhanced Services

10. AGENDA ITEM 10: PLANNING PROCESS/CONTRACTS/BUDGETS

CW presented the first draft of the Financial Plan 2014/15 and 2015/16. Members were updated on the approach and underlying assumptions being made in drafting the plan which would be submitted to NHS England on 14 February 2014. CW also advised that the plan was work in progress and any changes made would be circulated to members of the Governing Body.

RESOLVED: The Committee NOTE the content of the report

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING APPROVED:

Wednesday 26 March 2014, 10:00 – 13:00, Meeting Room 1, Lonsdale Unit,
Penrith Hospital
