

<b>NHS Cumbria CCG Governing Body</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>4 February 2015</b>	<b>7</b>

### NHS 111 Procurement – Contract Award

#### Purpose of Report:

Following the exit of NHS Direct in October 2013 from providing NHS 111 services to the North West area, NWAS have been providing the service in the short-term as the “stability partner”. Formal re-procurement of the service has been required as noted in the September 2014 report to the Governing Body and this has been led by the NHS 111 procurement team hosted by Blackpool CCG.

Due to timescales a small sub-group of the Governing Body approved the NHS 111 procurement documentation in October 2014. The evaluation process of the procurement will end in early February and the recommendation for award of contract will be available for CCGs to sign off from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Timescales are as per the attached letter and in order to meet procurement timescales all CCGs will need to have signed off approval of the contract award recommendation by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

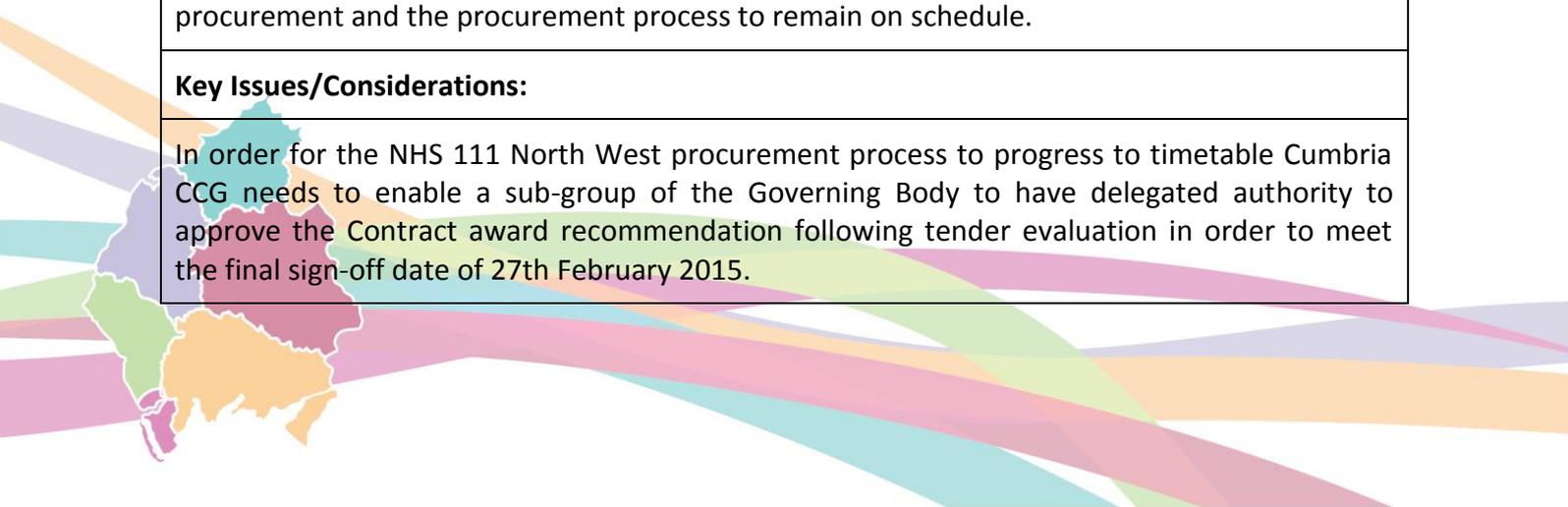
As there is no Governing Body meeting during the period from 14-27 February 2015 it is proposed that, as in October, a sub-group of the Governing Body is convened within the required period to sign off the recommendation. This would ideally be the same group of people as before:

- Charles Welbourn      Chief Finance Officer **Chair**
- Rachel Preston        Lead GP – Eden
- Anthony Woodyer      Secondary Care Doctor
- David Rogers            Medical Director

This proposal would enable the CCG to meet its responsibilities with regard to the NHS 111 procurement and the procurement process to remain on schedule.

#### Key Issues/Considerations:

In order for the NHS 111 North West procurement process to progress to timetable Cumbria CCG needs to enable a sub-group of the Governing Body to have delegated authority to approve the Contract award recommendation following tender evaluation in order to meet the final sign-off date of 27th February 2015.



It is therefore recommended that the Governing Body support this proposal.
<b>Recommendations: <i>The Governing Body/Committee is asked to:</i></b>
The Governing Body is asked to approve the proposal above for a sub-group to be given delegated authority to approve the Contract award recommendation.
<b>CCG Objectives:</b>
<b>Commissioning Plans:</b> Ensure the effective delivery of our key commissioning plans
<b>Statutory/Regulatory/Legal/NHS Constitution Implications</b>
Due to procurement rules NHS 111 is required to be re-procured following the withdrawal of NHS Direct as the North-West NHS 111 provider and the interim award to NFAST as the “stability partner”.
<b>Assurance Framework:</b>
This proposal does not cover any of the specific risks identified in the Assurance Framework but provision of NHS 111 is mandatory for CCGs and therefore the procurement must be completed.
<b>Finance/Resource Implications:</b>
The financial implications of award of this contract have been worked through by the NW Programme Board and all the Chief Finance Officers of the NW CCGs.
<b>Implications/Actions for Public and Patient Engagement:</b>
Patient and Public engagement has taken place during the procurement phase and will continue through mobilisation of the new service and into the five year contract period.
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>
Ensuring that all aspects of equality requirements are met has been included as a key part of the procurement documentation and service specification for the NHS 111 service.

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