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| NHS North Cumbria CCG Governing Body | Agenda Item |
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Chair and Chief Executive Report

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| Purpose of the Report | | | | | | | | |
| To update members of the Governing Body on activity since the last report | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome Required: | Approve | | Ratify | | For Discussion | | For Information | X |
| Assurance Framework Reference: | | | | | | | | |

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| Recommendation(s): |
| The Governing Body is asked to: note this report |

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| Executive Summary: |
| <p>Key Issues:</p> <p><u>CCG Rating</u> NHS England has published its Annual Assurance Ratings for 2016/17. The rating is for NHS Cumbria CCG and has moved from Inadequate in 2015/16 to Requires Improvement. NHS England has recognised the significant progress made during the year across a number of areas including finance, leadership and delivery of constitutional standards. There is now a strong foundation for sustained improvement. NHS North Cumbria CCG is still under Formal Directions, but NHS England has confirmed its commitment to work with our CCG to remove those Directions as soon as possible. We know there is more to be done in a challenging environment.</p> <p><u>STP Rating and capital funding investment</u> The system was awarded more than £65 million worth of capital funding to build a new cancer centre, develop the West Cumberland Hospital and support the development of ICCs. That represented more than a quarter of the national funding available in this funding round and demonstrates considerable confidence in the plans developed by West, North and East Cumbria Health and Care Partnership which was also rated as ‘advanced’ by NHS England which</p> |

published ratings for each of the 44 STPs across England.

STP development

At NHS Confederation 2017 in June the chief executive of NHS England Simon Stevens announced the first eight accountable care systems, saying they will be given control of up to £450m in transformation funding. He also said it was likely that West, North and East Cumbria could join the group of accountable care systems later in the year. This could mean further support for the development of our integrated health and care system.

End of Success Regime

West, North and East Cumbria was designated a Success Regime by the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt in June 2015. Following decision-making after the Healthcare For The Future consultation the area is no longer a Success Regime. Work is now underway to develop an updated vision and brand for the West, North and East Cumbria Health and Care Partnership.

Breast Screening Services Review

The service for women across north Cumbria is provided by Newcastle Hospitals at North Cumbria University Hospitals Trust (NCUHT)'s Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle. Regionally there is a desire to improve the service and to manage concerns about future workforce. The regional service is being reviewed by the Cancer Alliance which encompasses 3 STP's, 12 clinical commissioning groups, 9 acute NHS Trusts and covers a population of 3.1 million.

As the service across north Cumbria is already run by specialist colleagues in the north east it is anticipated there will be little impact. The regional Cancer Alliance plans cancer services and pathways to ensure patients across north Cumbria and the north east receive the most appropriate treatment at the right time.

CQC Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

In February 2017 the Care Quality Commission carried out an unannounced inspection of Mental Health Inpatient Units and Psychiatric Inpatient Care Units across the county provided by Cumbria Partnership Foundation Trust.

Following the inspection the overall rating of Mental Health Inpatient Wards has remained as 'Requires Improvement', with two areas (caring and responsive) being rated as 'Good'.

Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle Fire Update

Work is progressing to improve fire safety at the Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle.

Concerns were raised in 2014 about the safety of the site which was built under the Private Finance Initiative programme. Remedial work to install a comprehensive alarm system will be completed by the Autumn. Work on the external sprinkler system is complete and work on the internal system is due to start in the Autumn. Plans are in place to ensure any movement of patients is minimised and well-co-ordinated. The Trust currently employs extra fire wardens to ensure appropriate cover. Patient safety remains the number one priority as this work progresses.

Praise for Cumbria's GPs

Cumbrian GPs have been rated better than the national average in many areas of a survey of patient experience carried out by NHS England and Ipsos MORI. The survey asks patients to rate their experience of accessing primary care services, and GPs

from NHS North Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have consistently fared better than most. It found that the NHS North Cumbria CCG area saw 88% of people surveyed rate their overall experience of their GP surgery as good, compared to 85% nationally. This was true for Cumbria's out of hours service Cumbria Health On Call (CHOC) too.

GP Recruitment

There has been considerable work to tackle the ongoing challenges in GP recruitment. Parts of the service have 25% vacancy rates. As well as the work with Health Education England to offer one off payments to trainee GPs, bespoke job design, work with Choose Cumbria and the development of our local system recruitment offer, we have also been exploring recruitment from Europe. The work around this has included visits with pastoral support from GPs who they may be working with, a pack on arrival to support them to make the most of the visit and a 'boot camp' so they get a chance to see what the job will be like and what the area has to offer them and their families. Early signs suggest a reasonable intake in the Autumn and a second phase in the coming months.

| Strategic Objective(s) supported by this paper: | Please select (X) |
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| Support quality improvement within existing services including General Practice | x |
| Commission a range of health services appropriate to Cumbria's Needs | x |
| Develop our system leadership role and our effectiveness as a partner | x |
| Improve our organisation and support our staff to excel | x |

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| Impact assessment: (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights) | None |
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| Conflicts of Interest Describe any possible Conflicts of interest associated with this paper, and how they will be managed | None |
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