

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

Purpose of the Report							
To provide an update to the Governing Body of events since the last meeting.							
Outcome Required:	Approve		Ratify		For Discussion		For Information
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Assurance Framework Reference:							
<p>1. Better Health – There is a need to ensure that Cumbria’s children & young people (including children looked after) are kept safe and transition into health adulthood</p> <p>2. Better Care – Commission services that ensure the delivery of high quality and safe care patients</p> <p>3. Sustainability – Commission services that ensure the delivery of high quality and safe care for patients in a manner that is sustainable for the whole health economy</p> <p>4. Leadership - The CCG needs to develop and implement robust governance and management arrangements to operate in a safe and sound manner.</p>							

Recommendation(s):
The Governing Body is asked to note the content of this report.

Executive Summary:
<p><u>Independent Reconfiguration Panel IRP</u></p> <p>On Thursday 23 November the Independent Reconfiguration Panel published its review following the maternity referral to the Secretary of State by Cumbria County Council’s Health Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>In summary the Panel recommends that there does not need to be a wider review and we should now start to get on with Option 1 in the way we have described – working with the community in co-production. It also outlines the work so far and makes several considered observations.</p>

The letter can be read here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/irp-cumbria-initial-assessment>

The response from NHS North Cumbria CCG can be read here:

<http://www.northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk/news/2017/November/statement-following-the-publication-of-the-review-by-the-independent-reconfiguration-panel-irp.aspx>

Subsequently, the Secretary of State has written to the CCG Chair to confirm his acceptance of the Panel's recommendations.

Winter Preparedness 2017/18 - A&E Services

The pressures of winter continue to be a priority for our health system. In October we promoted advice, guidance and information to enable people to look after themselves to avoid becoming unwell if possible as part of Self Care Week. This includes media interviews promoting the flu jab, advising those with long term conditions to review care plans and adjust behaviours and promote the NHS Child Health App which now includes information about services across north Cumbria. The latest flu performance report suggest North Cumbria general practices are managing to achieve some of the highest patient immunisation coverage rates in the Cumbria North East region.

Daily monitoring of pressures on the system and close working across partner agencies is a focus of all the health and care organisations' work in North Cumbria.

Integration of Digital Road Map Update

Following the detailed Digital Road Map presentation at the meeting in October there has been progress made in three key areas.

- Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's (CPFT) RiO system, which is used by Mental Health & Children's Services. The technical works have started to enable users to be able to both view data from, and display data to, GP EMIS Web. The estimated delivery date is the end of March 2018. In the same vein the ability for electronic documents out of CPFT's RiO to GP's EMIS Web is also being delivered to the same timescale. In addition the essential restructuring of EMIS Web community appears to be making progress despite a lack of external funding.
- North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) is now starting to request access to the GP detailed care record (for end of life only), but this needs to be widened. There has been no engagement yet with resource matching (Strata); action is needed here.
- North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust (NCUH) plans a go-live of electronic document transfer to GP Practices in December 2017 and has started live viewing of a limited data set of the GP detailed care record. Roll out is expected to be complete by the end of March 2018. The NCUH ability to link with resource matching (Strata) remains limited and the discussion about consideration of a single electronic Patient Record (ePR) appears not to have progressed. This is in part due to nationally mandated system deployments such as the e-Referral System which must take priority.

Director of Nursing

Anna Stabler has been appointed as the new CCG Director of Nursing and Quality, on a fixed term period, following interviews earlier this month. Anna is currently Deputy Director of Nursing, Midwifery & AHP at North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust and will be seconded to the CCG to take on the role. Her start date will be confirmed soon. Thanks go to the whole Nursing and Quality team for their hard work in the run up to this appointment.

Better Care Fund Plan 2017/18 – 18/19

Further work was undertaken to agree the full proposals of the plan, culminating in a final agreement being reached at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25 October 2017.

Development of the Cumbria Health and Well Being Board

Work to support the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board has been taking place. Jon Rush, the Chair of NHS North Cumbria CCG is the Vice Chair of the Board.

The development work is designed to strengthen relationships as our organisations identify health and wellness priorities for our communities and tackle the very challenging pressures on health and social care.

A full report will be presented to the board at the next meeting regarding the CCG's progress on our specific actions to support the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

A new focus for West Cumbria Community Forum

The West Cumbria Community Forum has played a key role in supporting open and constructive conversations around health services and the challenges they face since it started in 2014. The Forum has now agreed a new focus for those conversations will be around the investment and development planned at the West Cumberland Hospital in Whitehaven. Earlier this year the Secretary of State announced more than £30 million will be available to North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust to develop the facility. A vision to develop a health and care campus fit for the future has been outlined by the Trust with a significant emphasis on the community helping to shape the changes.

Joint Northern CCG Committee

The first meeting of the committee was held on 5 October 2017, during which Jon Rush was elected as Chair. The next meeting due to be held on 4 January 2018.

Strategic Objective(s) supported by this paper:	Please select (X)
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

Impact assessment: (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)	N/A
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Conflicts of Interest Describe any possible Conflicts of interest associated with this paper, and how they will be managed	There were no conflicts of interest identified.
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