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The new organisation responsible for commissioning the majority of NHS health services in Cumbria is set to start their tour of the county this month, bringing their Governing Body meeting to a venue near you.

NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) took over responsibility for commissioning services for community health care and hospitals across the county on April 1 this year.

A membership organisation, it is made up of all family doctors in Cumbria who are represented on the Governing Body by a Lead GP from each of the six localities – Allerdale, Carlisle, Copeland Eden, Furness and South Lakeland.

The first two meetings of the Governing Body, which are open to the public, were held in Penrith, however the CCG decided to hold future meetings at venues across the county to give the public more opportunity to attend and get involved.

The next meeting will be held at Forum 28, Duke Street, Barrow on Thursday, June 20 starting at 2pm and this will be followed by meetings in Copeland on August 15, Carlisle, October 17, Eden on December 19, Allerdale on February 20, 2014 and South Lakes on April 17, 2014.

Details of venues and agendas will be available on NHS Cumbria CCG's website prior to the meetings www.cumbriaccg.nhs.uk/news/events.

Deputy Chair of NHS Cumbria CCG and Lead GP for Copeland, Dr David Rogers said: "I'm a great believer in public involvement and engagement. As a CCG we are going to be work differently because we are a membership organisation and our priority is to make sure services across Cumbria are patient focused.

"When deciding which services should go where and how they should operate, we are looking at the needs of the local population and how existing NHS services are operating.

"Clinicians in Cumbria have always been passionate about and championed the importance of the involvement of patients in decision making and service re-design.

"Holding our Governing Body meetings in venues across the localities gives people more opportunity to get involved in the health decision-making in Cumbria."

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