

## Northern CCG Joint Committee

### Approved extracts from minutes of the meeting held in private on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 for CCG Governing Bodies and publication on CCG websites

#### Present

<b>CCG members</b>		
Mark Adams	MA	NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG NHS North Cumbria CCG NHS North Tyneside CCG NHS Northumberland CCG
Mark Dornan	MD	NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG
David Gallagher	DG	NHS Tees Valley CCG
David Jones	DJ	NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG
Neil O'Brien	NO'B	NHS County Durham CCG NHS South Tyneside CCG NHS Sunderland CCG
Charles Parker	CP	NHS North Yorkshire CCG
Ian Pattison	IP	NHS Sunderland CCG
Boleslaw Posmyk	BP	NHS Tees Valley CCG
Jon Rush (Chair)	JR	NHS North Cumbria CCG
Richard Scott	RS	NHS North Tyneside CCG
Graham Syers	GS	NHS Northumberland CCG

#### In attendance

Sam Allen	SA	NENC Integrated Care System
Stephen Childs	SC	North of England Commissioning Support (NECS)
Gillian Stanger	GSt	North of England Commissioning Support (NECS)

#### Lay members (non voting)

Jeff Hurst	JH
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<b>01 Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest in relation to the agenda</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>Apologies were received from Amanda Bloor (NHS North Yorkshire CCG), Kate Hudson (NHS South Tyneside CCG), Dan Jackson (NENC Integrated Care System), Jonathan Smith (NHS County Durham CCG) and Michelle Thompson (lay member).</p> <p>The Committee's Register of Interests was received.</p>	
<b>02 Minutes of previous meeting</b>	
02.1 The minutes of the private meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 were accepted as an accurate record.	
<b>03 Matters arising from the previous meetings and action log</b>	
<p><b>03.1 Provider performance issues</b></p> <p>DG noted it should be possible to bring a report from the provider performance workstream to the Committee.</p> <p>The action log was updated.</p>	
<b>04 Value Based Clinical Commissioning Policy (VBCC) – Confirmed Updates to Regional Policy – April 2022 Refresh</b>	
MW presented the report which noted that the Regional VBCC Steering Group had continued its work in relation to updating regional policies and discussing issues which had been raised	

<p>through the group in relation to clinical commissioning policies and any relevant clinical changes that needed to be reflected within the regional policy position.</p> <p>A significant piece of work had been carried out during the second half of 2021 which resulted in the publication of a refreshed Regional VBCC Policy in October 2021, ensuring the policy document was as up to date as possible following the period of pause due to the Coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>As a result, the proposed policy refresh for April 2022 contained a greatly reduced number of updates or amendments and re-aligns the VBCC Groups intentions of where possible, working on the basis of a single annual refresh of policy.</p> <p>The established process for proposing and considering all policy updates and engaging with local health systems had subsequently taken place, with feedback received and considered by the Regional Steering Group.</p> <p>The Steering Group had considered and discussed the feedback received and recommended for approval the revised Regional VBCC Policy document which included all confirmed updates following the engagement process carried out.</p> <p>In response to a question as to whether the policy was comparable to that in other regions, MW noted checks were undertaken which had not found there to be any potential contentious areas of concern.</p> <p>In relation to procedures / interventions which might potentially result in patient appeals, it was noted these could include wigs and hair pieces (an issue of inequality which could be addressed in the future) and the removal / replacement of breast implants. The VBCC Steering Group would be happy to provide support in the event that issues should arise.</p> <p><b>Decision: to approve the confirmed updates for inclusion in the updated Value Based Clinical Commissioning Policy from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 on behalf of all CCG members.</b></p>	
<p><b>05 Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy / Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) / Terms of Reference (ToR) - Update</b></p>	
<p>MW presented the report which noted that following a review of the IFR system during 2019, it had been agreed to produce a new IFR Policy (including the revision of the IFR SOPs and IFR Panel ToR) that was consistent with the principles and definitions set out in the equivalent policy produced by NHS England.</p> <p>At that time, the new IFR Policy was reviewed by all members of the 3 IFR Panels within North East and North Cumbria CCGs. However, once the policy was drafted, further work in its development was halted due to the potential introduction of a new IFR system and then the Covid situation delayed the development further.</p> <p>This work was recommenced when the VBC Steering Group meetings were reinstated and subsequently the VBC Steering Group has now reviewed and agreed the updated policy.</p> <p><b>Decision: to approve the new IFR Policy ahead of the introduction of the new ICB statutory organisation to ensure there is a clear and accurate IFR Policy in place that reflects the current service provision.</b></p> <p>The Chair, on behalf of the Joint Committee, thanked MW for all the work he had undertaken in relation to VBCC and IFR matters.</p>	
<p><b>Any other business</b></p>	
<p><b>1 Climate Change</b></p> <p>MD noted the ICS had now appointed a climate change lead (Claire Winter) who had produced a toolkit for use in primary care.</p>	

**2 Covid Medicines Delivery Units (CMDUs)**

NO'B noted current high levels of activity in CMDUs and it may be necessary to look at commissioning a longer term sustainable model

**Date and time of next meetings:**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

APPROVED