

NHS North Cumbria CCG Full Council of Members	Agenda Item
14 March 2019	7

NHS North Cumbria CCG Chair

Purpose of the Report							
To seek Members support for an extension to the existing CCG Chair arrangements.							
Outcome Required:	Approve		Ratify	X	For Recommendation		For Information
Assurance Framework Reference:							
As detailed in the Strategic Objectives below.							

Recommendation(s):
<p>The Full Council of Members are asked to agree the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The appointment of Jon Rush as the Lay Chair of North Cumbria CCG be extended until 31 March 2020 but to note that, if agreed, there will be an ongoing review (on a minimum of a quarterly basis) of the Lay Chair arrangements (in conjunction with those of the Interim Accountable Officer arrangements) with NHS England and that may change during 2019/20.

Executive Summary:
<p>Key Issues:</p> <p>CCG Chair</p> <p>Jon Rush was appointed as Chair of the CCG from 1 April 2017 for a two year fixed term contract. This is due to expire on 31 March 2019.</p> <p>The recruitment process for the Chair of the CCG is outlined in 4.1 of its CCG’s Standing Orders and it states that the Governing Body will determine the period of office prior to recruitment of this post. However, given the rationale detailed below, the Governing Body at its Part 2 Meeting on 4 March 2019, thought it prudent to recommend that the Membership consider extending Jon Rush’s contract until 31 March 2020 to enable further work to be undertaken on the</p>

development of the ICS and then to establish the leadership requirements for the CCG going forward.

Members are also advised that whilst an extension is being sought the ongoing discussions with NHS England, in conjunction with those around the Interim Accountable Officer role, could mean that further proposals will be put before the relevant CCG Bodies with regards to the leadership arrangements of the CCG during 2019-20.

Rationale

The North Cumbria Integrated Health and Care system is developing at pace and is one of 14 pioneering areas nationally, comprising the CCG and the two local NHS Trusts. The IHCS is one of four Integrated Care Partnerships based within North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care system which is expected to move to shadow form from April 2019.

Over the next 12 months and in the context of these developments, there is expected to be a phased programme of change for how the CCG delivers its functions.

In light of the above Members will recall that discussions have been ongoing with NHS England, and in the context of the developing IHCS with the North Cumbria IHCS System Leader, about the future leadership arrangements for the CCG. There are further discussions planned over the coming months and these are likely to establish a firm direction.

Key Risks:

The CCG is required to have a Lay or Clinical Chair. Out-with any development of the IHCS and the broader aspirant North Cumbria and North East Integrated Care System, this will continue to be a legal requirement. There is a risk that NHS England may not support the extension to the Interim Accountable Officer role which could impact on the Chair position. There is no indication that this risk will materialise at this stage.

Implications/Actions for Public and Patient Engagement:

There are no known implications/actions for Public and Patient Engagement.

Financial Impact on the CCG:

There is no known financial impact on the CCG at the time of writing the report.

Strategic Objective(s) supported by this paper:	Please select (X)
Support continuous quality improvement within existing services including General Practice	
Commission a range of health services, including an increasing range of integrated services, appropriate to our population’s needs	
Develop our system leadership role (in the context of an integrated health and care system) and our effectiveness as a partner	X
Continuously improve our organisation and support our staff to excel	

Impact assessment:	N/A
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(Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)	
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Conflicts of Interest Describe any possible Conflicts of interest associated with this paper, and how they will be managed	Jon Rush, Lay Chair has a conflict of interest in this item as there is a direct financial interest in this item.
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