

BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND

Title: CCG Assurance and Development Committee

From: Lord Victor Adebowale, Chair of the CCG Assurance and Development Committee

Purpose of paper:

To provide an update on discussions and actions following the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Assurance and Development Committee held on 7 July 2014.

Actions required by Board Members:

The Board is asked to note the outcome of discussions and next steps from the CCG Assurance and Development Committee held on 7 July 2014.

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Summary of committee discussions

1. The Committee agreed that minutes from the May meeting and also any matters arising would be considered for approval at the meeting to be held in October 2014.

CCG Assurance: technical and legal matters

2. The Committee noted actions on accountable officer appointments, non-statutory actions, and constitutional changes and approved the merger between NHS Newcastle North and East CCG, NHS Newcastle West CCG, and NHS Gateshead CCG.
3. It agreed the area team would be responsible for ensuring the new CCG met the conditions attached to its merger and would assess these through the ongoing assurance process.

Barnet CCG – use of intervention action through assurance

4. The Committee received a paper reporting on the proposal for intervention action at Barnet CCG to secure assurance of the CCG's ability to manage highly challenging issues in relation to oversight of the contract for Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals.
5. The Committee approved the use of legal powers of intervention at Barnet CCG with regards to the Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals contract, to secure performance improvement and to ensure that capacity is grown within the CCG.

CCG assurance year end summary

6. Members of the Committee considered the CCG assurance year end summary and;
 - Agreed that assurance had been applied consistently and fairly;
 - Noted the London region had recommended that NHS Waltham Forest CCG has its condition on planning lifted; and
 - Agreed that 5-year plans are to be used to provide assurance and help lift planning conditions for CCGs.

Actions required by Board Members

7. The Board is asked to note the outcome of discussions and next steps from the CCG Assurance and Development Committee held on 7 July 2014.

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