

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Appointment of Guarantor

Purpose

1. This report seeks approval for a new Guarantor for Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Key issues

2. The Guarantor role serves as a corporate guardian and an independent source of scrutiny. The role is defined in the organisation's Governance Document (see paragraphs 5 to 7).
3. Dr Clive Morton is seeking approval as Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Guarantor and has gained approval of the Commissioner.

Action required by the Board

4. The Board is asked to:
 - Approve Dr Clive Morton as Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Guarantor

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The Guarantor Role

5. There are up to three Guarantors appointed by the Chief Executives of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council. Their appointment will require approval of the Board of Directors.
6. The role of the Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Guarantor is to give support and advice to the Board of Directors and act as a corporate guardian.
7. Examples of their input includes:
 - Provide feedback and advice in the pursuit of good governance
 - Participation in the recruitment and any possible removal of the Chair
 - Provide a space for Directors to raise sensitive issues regarding the Chair and/or the CEO that they feel they cannot raise elsewhere
 - Be available to listen to stakeholders particularly if there are issues that people do not feel they can take through other routes