

## Chair's Report

### Purpose

1. This report sets out public activities carried out by the Chair since the last Board meeting, and a commentary on aspects of the local health and care system.

### Key issues

2. Appendix 1 lists the Chair's external meetings from 1 July to 31st August 2019. Directors representative activities are maintained in a strategic engagement log.
3. Section 5 updates on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group as they progress their work to tackle the financial crisis. Section 7 briefs on the Ofsted and CQC inspection of Special education needs and disabilities services in Peterborough.

### Action required by the Board

4. The Board is asked to:
  - Note the report.

### Author

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## Tackling the funding crisis in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

5. The decision to maintain the suspension of NHS-funded IVF treatment until the CCG's financial stability returns falls hardest on those who are affected by infertility. Other non-specialist fertility treatments are still available to local people struggling to start a family. Read more on our website: <http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/news/nhs-funded-ivf-treatment-suspended-indefinitely>
  
6. As reported last time the CCG is needing to save £33million. So far, the decisions made are relatively limited (we are told 15 % cuts approved to 1% of the budget) focussing on efficiencies and duplications in community services (out of hospital care). We heard assurances the safety of patients is not threatened. To close the whole system £192 million gap, NHS Trusts are also making annual cost improvements. Healthwatch will seek to understand the effects of all these changes to the public and current service users as they take place and support conversations with the public. Healthwatch have written and circulated updates on the position<sup>1</sup>. The CCG describe their latest actions in the Governing Body minutes from their meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July<sup>2</sup>.

## Inspection of Special educational needs and disabilities in Peterborough

7. The Care Quality Commission and Ofsted have written a statement of action following a visit to services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Peterborough.
  
8. The SEND report says that there are significant areas of weakness in the local area's practice which includes implementing reforms. Since 2016 there has been momentum but there is still more to be done. One of the strengths of the local service is in how it involves children, young people, parents and carers in developing and improving services. Read our update: <https://www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/written-statement-of-action-send/>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/tackling-the-nhs-funding-crisis-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/easysiteweb/getresource.axd?assetid=18547&type=0&servicetype=1>

## Appendix 1- External meetings attended by the Chair 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31st August 2019

Meeting	Purpose	Date
Phil Hadridge, iDENK	Associate	01/07
Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health and Kate Parker, Head of Public Health Business Programme	Meeting	04/07
Allied Health Professions conference, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough STP	Observer	09/08
Ageing Well Strategy Board	Member	09/08
Integrated Commissioning Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Independent Chair	10/08
Dr Emma Tiffin, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	Meeting	11/07
STP Clinical Communities Forum	Member	25/07
Core sub group, Health and Wellbeing Board	Member	05/08
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG Governing Body	Observer	06/08
Jan Thomas, Accountable Officer and Jess Bawden, Corporate director, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	Meeting	12/08
Joint Safeguarding Executive Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Member	20/05
Healthwatch Wisbech Community Forum	Observer	15/08
Dr Alex Gimson, Catherine Boaden, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough STP	Meeting	20/08
Researcher, Commission for Public Service Reform and Innovation	Meeting	20/6

Plus

Healthwatch AGM and Board in public (10/07)

2 Chair/director meetings

BBC Radio Cambridgeshire - CCG review of community services contracts/ IVF suspension (02/7)