

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 November to 31st December 2019. Directors representative activities are maintained in a strategic engagement log.
3. We are consulting stakeholders on our draft Healthwatch Strategy 2020-25 asking for comments about our ambitions and aims we are prioritising.

Action required by the Board

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

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Healthwatch to consult on strategy 2020-25

5. We publish our draft Healthwatch Strategy 2020-25 this month¹, which includes a range of evidence about what we think should be our priorities. We plan to listen to any feedback we get and put the final strategy into practice from April onwards.
6. Our staff and directors, having been heavily involved in its development, are looking for opportunities to promote the draft strategy for comment. The established Healthwatch community forums in Peterborough, Fenland and Huntingdon will particularly be asked to review it, and it is hoped the recently started greater Cambridge forum will have time to do so too.
7. I plan to use my annual catchups with Chairs of NHS Trusts and membership of the Health and Wellbeing Boards to talk about the strategy. How does it compliment their organisational challenges and the Long-term Plan for the NHS and the soon to be refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy? And how can we work together to improve the experience and involvement of local people in their care and for better service integration?

How our CCG intends to change the way it commissions services

8. We welcome a new short document issued by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)².
9. Up front it states that patients and the public are at the heart of all they do. The CCG will include the outputs of the Big Conversation (including the Community Values panel that we recently facilitated for them) in the commissioning of new pathways and services.
10. The 'public pound' and value is still very important. But so is working together, and working for longer together, over multi-year contracts. Integrated services for neighbourhoods will be sought as old agreements reach their end. Where possible money will be directed to local providers of care, reducing the amount of money which 'leaves' the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area.
11. The CCG, with partners in the STP, is taking this approach because the system has been in financial distress for too long. This they say should bring

¹ www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/have-your-say-on-our-strategy-for-the-next-five-years/
<http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/news/have-your-say-our-strategy-next-five-years>

² <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/about-us/how-we-meet-our-duties/commissioning-and-contracts/>

more predictability of contract values over longer terms and incentivise co-ordination of care across settings and providers.

Appendix 1 - External meetings attended by the Chair 1st November to 31st December 2019

Meeting	Purpose	Date
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health & Wellbeing Board Whole System Joint Core Group	Member	07/11
Clinical Policies Forum	Member	11/11
Jan Thomas, Accountable Officer and Jess Bawden, Corporate director, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	Meeting	15/11
Ageing Well Strategy Board	Member	18/11
Community Values Panel (2)	Co-facilitator	19/11
Integrated Commissioning Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Independent Chair	21/11
Healthwatch director interviews	Panel Chair	27/11
CCG Health Inequalities Task and Finish Group	Member	28/11
Healthwatch director interviews (2)	Panel Chair	02/12
STP Digital Innovation Community	Participant	06/12
Continuing Health Care Complex Cases Panel	Member	10/12
East of England Healthwatch CEO and Chairs Network	Member	12/12

Plus

Healthwatch Board in public (13/11), Board Development (04/12)