

Chair's Report

Purpose

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

Key issues

2. Appendix 1 lists the Chair's external meetings from 1 March to 30 April 2020. Directors representative activities are maintained in a strategic engagement log. Due to the national coronavirus emergency many meetings have converted to a virtual format, and some paused, including the Health and Wellbeing Boards.
3. A new system command infrastructure is in place including daily meetings convened by the CCG and overseen weekly by its Governing Body. We are in contact with key people in the health and care system sharing feedback from the public and hearing first-hand from leaders how services are changing. Our directors have participated with staff in two discussion meetings about treatment accessibility for non-COVID patients, and about wellbeing and mental healthcare issues for the population.
4. Jonathan Wells is involved in a new mental health collaborative, ensuring the voices of service users and the community influence the service changes at the current time of emergency. I am a member of a new COVID-19 Ethical Committee producing recommendations and guidance for previously unprecedented scenarios. Our CEO report highlights the team involvement in community resilience hubs across the area, all examples of how Healthwatch is responding to listen and support the system.
5. I am pleased to report that our organisational resilience has been successful with further adaptations and learning taking place as circumstances develop, see agenda item on Risk.

6. Each year in May we summarise Care Quality Commission (CQC) ratings for providers in our area. This is deferred to the July meeting. We continue to take part in regional Quality Surveillance meetings and note the extraordinary response and performance of our acute hospitals in securing capacity to cope with COVID-19.

Action required by the Board

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

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Appendix 1 - External meetings attended by the Chair 1st March to 30th April 2020

Meeting	Purpose	Date
Older People's Partnership Board	Observer	2/3
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough whole system Health and Wellbeing Board	Member	5/3
Clinical Policies Forum	Member	9/3
Integrated Commissioning Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough planning meeting	Independent Chair	17/3
STP Clinical Communities Forum	Member	19/3
C&CCCG Ethics Committee	Member	28/3
C&CCCG Ethics Committee	Member	4/4
Julie Spence, Chair CPFT	One to one	7/4
C&CCCG Ethics Committee	Member	11/4
C&CCCG Ethics Committee	Member	18/4
Investment in Volunteers assessor	Assessment	21/4
Healthwatch England board governance webinar	Participant	21/4
C&CCCG Ethics Committee	Member	25/4
Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health	One to one	29/4
Integrated Commissioning Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough planning meeting	Independent Chair	30/4

Plus

Healthwatch Board in public (11/3), Board Development (15/4),
Board and senior team COVID-19 topic discussion (non- COVID Treatment
availability)

Chair/director one to one meeting (24/4)