

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 September to 31st October 2019. Directors representative activities are maintained in a strategic engagement log.
3. Section 5 describes the work the Board have done to develop a draft strategy for 2020 onwards and when we will be asking for comments from stakeholders about the 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 strategy 2020-25

5. Our Healthwatch service was originally provided by two different organisations. We combined on 1 April 2017 so we could build a better Healthwatch for everyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It meant we can provide more stability for our staff and do more with the money we get to be a Healthwatch.
6. During Spring and summer 2019 we asked ‘What do you think’ about our last two years and what should be in our plans for the next five years - your ideas to make sure that we build a stronger, more effective Healthwatch for local people. Things are changing in health and care and we need to make sure that what we do is informed by patients, carers, local voluntary and community organisations, patient groups, as well as NHS and social care commissioners and providers.
7. A public survey, and interviews conducted independently by Magnify and Grow, informed our staff and Board meeting in September. We also looked at a range of evidence about what should be our priorities, including a summary of the matters you have talked to us about throughout the year and what is important to you about the NHS Long Term Plan.
8. We plan to publish the draft Healthwatch Strategy 2020-25 after the general election, which includes this evidence and proposes our ambitions and prioritised aims. We plan to listen to any feedback we get and put the final strategy into practice from April onwards.

Pre-election guidance for Healthwatch

9. During the election period all members of the Healthwatch network continue to act in a politically neutral manner. We will operate as usual on day to day activities whilst aware of the heightened sensitivities locally.
10. This means stepping back on supporting or making public responses to consultations until after the period. This also means not publishing significant pieces of work that may be used or perceived in the light of political campaigning taking place.

Appendix 1 - External meetings attended by the Chair 1st September to 31st October 2019

Meeting	Purpose	Date
Stop Suicide Local Launch	Participant	10/09
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG Governing Body	Annual meeting	17/09
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Annual meeting	18/09
Integrated Commissioning Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Independent Chair	19/09
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health & Wellbeing Board Whole System Joint Core Group	Member	24/09
CCG Health Inequalities task and finish group	Member	26/10
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Child Health and Wellbeing Board	Member	30/09
Action Learning Set - Healthwatch community forums	Facilitator	04/10
Joint Safeguarding Executive Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Member	07/10
Integrated Commissioning Board, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Independent Chair	17/10
STP Clinical Communities Forum	Member	17/10
STP Long Term Plan engagement event	Participant	17/10
Healthwatch Community Values Panel	Co-facilitator	24/10
Jan Thomas, Accountable Officer and Jess Bawden, Corporate director, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	Meeting	12/08
CCG Health Inequalities task and finish group	Member	31/10

Plus

Healthwatch Board in public (11/09)

1 Chair/director meeting