

NORTH YORKSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 22 MARCH 2019

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board – Membership

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek the Board's approval to its membership being extended to include, as Co-opted Members, one representative from Primary Care and one representative from Care Providers.

2. Background

- 2.1 As mentioned in the previous report on Membership, considered by the Board on 23rd November 2018, because of the size of the County and the number of potential participants, the Board comprises *representative* categories of membership, in addition to the prescribed statutory membership. For example, there is currently one Chief Executive representing the four main Acute and Community Hospital Trusts in the Board's area.
- 2.2 At present, there is no representation from either Primary Care or Care Providers. It is suggested that the Board would benefit from extending its membership by one representative from each of these areas.
- 2.3 Primary Care plays a key role in helping to deliver the Board's objectives – particularly on prevention initiatives. The recent Workshop that the Board facilitated on the Care Market, highlighted the contribution that a representative from Care Providers could make to the work of the Board.
- 2.4 The recently published revised GP contract describes the development and roll-out of Primary Care Networks across existing GP practices nationally. In North Yorkshire we have been working in partnership with practices and the Local Medical Committee to include primary care in our work to integrate and co-locate services around natural local populations. This national development supports our Health and Wellbeing Board's stated ambition of integrated primary and community care services provided locally, through groups of practices and services working together. Having our primary care partners around the table is recognition of the important and changing role that primary care will play as we move forward. It will be important to be able to articulate a North Yorkshire wide ambition and strategic approach that can be delivered locally through the networks and which aligns with our overall strategy.

- 2.5 Should Members be agreeable to this suggestion, it is proposed that the three CCG Accountable Officers discuss Primary Care representation and make a nomination and that the Independent Care Group be asked to submit a nomination in respect of Care Providers. In both cases, a designated substitute should also be nominated.
- 2.6 The Board has previously decided that Co-opted Members should have voting rights. It should though be noted that, in reality, the Board operates by consensus and a formal vote is rarely taken.
- 2.7 In accordance with the decision of the Board when it last extended its Membership, by the appointment of a representative from the Emergency Services in November 2018 (Andrew Pippin, from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service), the appointments will be until the County Council Elections in 2021.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Board consider whether it wishes to extend its membership to include, as Co-opted Members, with voting rights, one representative from Primary Care and one representative from Care Providers, subject to the approval of the County Council.
- 3.2 That, if the Board does agree to extend its membership:-
- a) the three CCG Accountable Officers discuss and agree a nomination and designated substitute for Primary Care; and
 - b) the Independent Care Group be asked to nominate a representative and designated substitute from among Care Providers.
- 3.3 That it be noted the appointments will be until the County Council Elections in 2021.

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Background papers relied upon in the preparation of this report: None