

Name:	Senate Council Meeting		
Date:	Monday 18 January 2021		
Time:	5.00pm - 6.00pm, Teams meeting		
AGENDA			
1.	INTRODUCTION		Lead
	1.1	Apologies, Welcomes and Introductions Apologies were received from Jon Scott, Debbie Wade, Karen Pellegrino and John Bourke	
	1.2	Declarations of Interest None declared.	
	1.3	Minutes of previous meeting Agreed as an accurate record.	
	1.4	Matters arising/actions from previous minutes Covered in the agenda.	
2.	AGENDA ITEMS		
	2.1	<p>National Update (from Senate Manager discussions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senates clinical support offered during COVID <p>J Poole shared a paper of how the Senates across the country have supported the COVID response.</p> <p>Key discussion points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midlands noted as having established a clinical advisory – structure to provide answers to urgent questions that sat under the senate umbrella. Within NEY we had a similar forum but within the regional COVID cell structure. NENC have looked at longer term service change rather than acute matters. R Mitchell referred to the East of England ethical framework on COVID decision making and commended the paper to be shared with senate members. There is not a uniform approach and healthcare professionals both providers and commissioners would likely both welcome a nationally accepted framework. The NEY section was agreed and agreed we need to continue discussions with ICSs to provide expertise into the COVID response. 	J Poole
	2.2	<p>The national reconfiguration process and the Senate role. Feedback from meeting with Richard Jeavons</p> <p>A Cant outlined the feedback which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R Jeavons runs the independent panel who advises the Secretary of State about major reconfiguration. Agreement at the meeting on the need to use senates effectively, the need to bring senates in earlier and offer informal advice not just part of the assurance advice. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICS changes and the impact of this on the assurance process and the senate role were noted. Richard Jeavons supported the importance of the senate role not being lost during this process. Restoration work – Noted P Twomey has undertaken work on the waiting list prioritisation and initial conversations set out the difficult balance. Noted the good practice of having a GP and hospital specialist to jointly going through wait lists to ensure there are no inequalities. A question was posed how well will this be audited and good processes does not mean good outcomes. Senate services had been offered but not taken up. Agreed to share the Paul Twomey paper and revisit what support the Senate can provide into this process, Reflected on cancer directive and how to ensure equity of access. 		J Poole
2.3	<p>Integrating Care Report - Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England</p> <p>Senate members were asked if they had responded to the opportunity to comment and a brief summary of the document was outlined by A Cant. Members were encouraged to provide formal feedback although the deadline has passed, there was still merit in providing comment. Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disappointingly did not mention senate and little reference to clinical networks. Unclear about specialised serviced. Vague terms integrating social and health and no clear pathway. Health and wellbeing boards have been prominent. Senates have offered to support ICS and no firm response. J Poole reported some ICS's are establishing ICS Senates which mirror our function but do not provide the independence. Other Senates are inviting ICS Senate chairs to councils to build relationships. Assurance guidance is republished (April 2021) and suggested that the timing is good to re-engage with the ICS on the role of the senate. Liam Donaldson has been appointed as Chair of ICS and A Cant confirmed he has written to him on behalf of the senate outlining numerous reviews and immense amount of work delivered across NENC. Senate members reflected the need for stronger discussions with ICS to strengthen relationship. A Cant will meet with L Donaldson and invite him to this meeting to understand role and identify opportunities to act as a critical friend and assure, drawing attention to our function. A Cant agreed to feedback this discussion to D Black and M Prentice. Discussed the relationship between the ICPs and ICS and noted the scale of challenge geographically, and no one size fits all. The lack of progress with the configuration in Teesside remains a key issue within NENC. 		A Cant
2.4	<p>NEY Service Change Report and assurance offer</p> <p>These papers were noted. The Senate is aware of all the schemes listed and the Senate Manager has good communications with the service transformation team</p>		

2.5	<p>Presentation: Regional COVID Vaccination Programme Update Yvette Oade, Regional Clinical Lead COVID Vaccination, NHS England & Improvement - North East and Yorkshire Region</p> <p>An overview of the programme was outlined to members and the discussion led to question and answers. Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extending first and second dose of vaccinations • The approach to the BAME community • Vaccinations for healthcare professionals. • The ongoing trials to determine frequency of COVID vaccination. • Vaccinations for patients awaiting major surgery • The process of inviting patients for vaccine <p>Yvette was thanked for joining this meeting and providing a very helpful update.</p>		
2.6	<p>Northern England Senate Led Projects</p> <p>No ongoing projects</p>		
2.7	<p>Northern England Senate-related Projects</p> <p>Reviews are underway within Yorkshire and the Humber and NE Senate members were thanked for their offers to join the panels. NE members have joined the following panels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macclesfield Hospital review – Prof. Mike Bramble and Dr Steven Sturgiss • Scarborough ED review – Dr Mike Jones, Dr Raj Khanna, Debbie Freake, Dr Martyn Farrer and Mr Andy Simpson • Scarborough maternity review - Julie Hamilton and Kathryn Hardy <p><i>(post meeting note – these have commenced but paused due to COVID-19 clinical pressures)</i></p>		
3.	MEETING CLOSE		
3.1	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>		
3.2	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 16th March 2021, 5.00pm – 6.00pm, Teams meeting 		