

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Northern England Clinical Senate Council Meeting</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 15 November 2023</b>		
<b>Time:</b>	<b>5:00pm – 6:30pm</b>		
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>The Durham Centre, DH1 1TN</b>		
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>Initials</b>
	Prof Andrew Cant - NE Senate Chair, Consultant in Paediatric Immunology, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT		AC
	Kay Marshall - NE and Y&H Senate Project Support		KM
	Jeanette Unwin - Senate Manager NE and Y&H		JU
	Sam Bethapudi - GP Principal Dunelm Medical Practice, Post Graduate Trainer & GP Appraiser. Member RCGP National Council		SB
	Neil Halford - Interim Medical Director for the North East & North Cumbria ICS		NH
	Mr Gareth Hosie - Consultant in Paediatric Surgery, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT & Chair of NE Maternity Network		GH
	Fiona McEvoy - Head of Nursing Quality at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT		FMc
	Dr Andy Simpson - Consultant in Emergency Medicine, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT		AS
	Faisal Baig - GP & Regional Medical Director for Primary Care, NE&Y		FB
	Dr Robin Mitchell - Clinical Director, Northern England Clinical Networks, NE&Y		RM
	Prof Gerry Stansby - Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT & Chair of NE Vascular Advisory Group		GS
	Dr Jean Macleod - Consultant Physician in Medicine & Diabetes, North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT		JMc
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>Initials</b>
	Prof Steve Robson - Consultant Obstetrician, Clinical Lead NENC Maternity Network		SR
	Dr Paul Goldsmith - Consultant Neurologist, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT		PG
<b>MINUTES</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>		<b>Lead</b>
	<b>1.1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
		AC welcomed everyone. Apologies received, noted as above.	<b>AC</b>
	<b>1.2</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	
		Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023, agreed as a true record of the meeting.	<b>AC</b>
	<b>1.3</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>	
		None noted	<b>AC</b>
	<b>1.4</b>	<b>Matters arising/actions from previous minutes.</b>	
		None noted	<b>AC</b>

2.	<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>			
	2.1	<p><b>Presentation on Primary Care Transformation by Dr Faisal Baig, Regional Medical Director for Primary Care for NHS England in the North East &amp; Yorkshire.</b></p> <p>FB was invited along to share a presentation about Primary Care Transformation – key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The responsibility for leading the transformation of local primary care services rests with the Regional Director via Dr Baig in the regional Commissioning and Transformation directorate.</li> <li>• Primary Care strategic objectives have been worked up with ICBs which have resulted in the 23/24 work programme. This focuses on improving access, driving forward integration, workforce &amp; inclusion health.</li> <li>• The improvement of systems and interfaces between primary care and secondary care are a priority within the transformation plan, as are initiatives relating to patient safety and workforce retention.</li> <li>• The immediate priorities for the NE&amp;Y primary care and community services lie in ensuring provision of urgent care hubs, improve demand management systems, review of workforce plans with a focus on GP retention, deliver clear and simple messaging to patients. The local teams will also be working positively to shape the future of dental service provision and to highlight the inequalities facing patients in certain areas of our region.</li> </ul> <p>AC/FB invited the council members to ask questions and discuss.</p> <p>A summary of this can be found below:-</p> <p>The group discussed the data presented on increasing demand for primary care services, this was felt to be due to the pandemic, an ageing population, increasing frailty and generally more complex demand.</p> <p>Consultations were said to be evolving since the pandemic with respect to digital and video consultations. Such options are not suitable for every clinical situation and every patient and work is ongoing to maximise the opportunities available in the right context.</p> <p>There followed discussion around retention of GPs and the measures that are taking place to address workload issues, introduction of more employer flexibility for GPs to manage work life balance.</p> <p>Positive feedback was provided on the online portal for practices, it works well with no repetition and appropriate questions were asked.</p>	FB	

	<b>2.2</b>	<b>National Update</b> The meeting was provided with an update on the new Regional Medical Director about to take up post, Dr Hamish McLure, who is a paediatric anaesthetist in Leeds and a former Medical Director.  Other regional Medical Directors confirmed in post are Dr Jonathan Slade and Dr Yasmin Khan.  With respect to changes associated with the New NHS England programme, Prof Cant is hoping to gain more clarity about the role of networks and will speak with the Medical Director of the ICB.	<b>AC</b>	
	<b>2.3</b>	<b>Northern England Senate-led Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rothbury Community Hospital</li> </ul> <p>JU has been approached by Northumbria FT to revisit the work the Senate previously carried out by Dr Scott on Rothbury Community Hospital activity. A formal request is awaited.</p>	<b>AC/JU</b>	
	<b>2.4</b>	<b>Northern England Senate-related Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liverpool Women's Hospital programme</li> </ul> <p>The Northern England Senate previously supported the work with two early stage reviews. The programme is due to undergo a stage 2 review later in the year with the Yorkshire and Humber Senate identified to undertake this.</p>	<b>AC/JU</b>	
	<b>2.5</b>	<b>Reconfiguration report for information (circulated with Agenda)</b>  For information.	<b>AC/JU</b>	
	<b>2.6</b>	<b>Senate Development Events 2024</b>  Two development sessions are in the planning, one will be face to face and one will be held virtually. The face to face session will once again be delivered and facilitated by Gareth Corser and it will be shaped following feedback from last year's event. The virtual session will cover digital health transformations, the evidence surrounding consolidation of acute services and the clinical co-dependency framework that has been recently revised.	<b>AC/JU</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MEETING CLOSE</b>			
	<b>3.1</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>  None noted	<b>AC</b>	
	<b>3.2</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>  Tuesday 19th March 2024  The Durham Centre, DH1 1TN		