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**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP GOVERNING BODY AGM  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 1.30PM  
HUMBER ROYAL HOTEL, GRIMSBY**

**PRESENT:**

Mark Webb	NEL CCG Chair
Dr Peter Melton	Chief Clinical Officer
Philip Bond	Lay Member Public Involvement
Helen Kenyon	Deputy Chief Executive
Joe Warner	Managing Director – Focus independent adult social care work
Rob Walsh	Joint Chief Executive
Laura Whitton	Chief Financial Officer
Dr Sudhakar Allamsetty	Chair of COM / GP Representative
Dr Renju Mathews	GP Representative
Jan Haxby	Director of Quality and Nursing
Stephen Pintus	Director of Public Health, NELC
Anne Hames	Chair of Community Forum

**APOLOGIES:**

Joanne Hewson	Chief Operating Officer
Tim Render	Lay Member Governance and Audit
Dr Ekta Elston	Medical Director

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Helen Askham	PA to Executive Office (Minutes Secretary)
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**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted as above.

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**3. AGM PRESENTATION**

Mark Webb introduced the work of the CCG, and the positive developments over the last year. Helen Kenyon introduced performance, our external assurance rating and our clinical priorities. Laura Whitton discussed the financial performance and Jan Haxby discussed Quality within the CCG. Dr Peter Melton discussed how the CCG are making a difference and helping people live their best lives. Rob Walsh closed the presentation by outlining the future priorities of the Clinical Commissioning Group. A copy of the presentation is attached.



Presentation  
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**4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- 1) Can the CCG respond to Repeated cancellation of routine surgical procedures, sometimes as often as on 10 occasions together with increasingly restricted access to cataract and hip and knee surgery?

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The figure cited was one reported by the national media about the NHS not looking at our local circumstances.

For NLAG as our main provider for the period April to July 2019 no procedures were cancelled for a second time. For cancelled procedures 3 cases were not reappointed within 28 days (These were all North Lincolnshire patients) – [from data supplied to the CCG's from the NLAG performance data]

We do not have restricted access to cataract or orthopaedic surgery. NLAG have had issues on ophthalmology but we have brought in additional capacity for Ophthalmology with Newmedica operating out of Cromwell Road to address this over the last two years. (they operate a 4+4 model = 8 weeks RTT) Additionally, orthopaedics services in NLAG have seen a significant improvement as at July they have an RTT performance of 93.6% against the national target of 92%.

2) Can the CCG respond to 6-8 week delays for urgent MRI scans?

For the MRI 6 week target at NLAG the July figure was 90% of appointment within target, this is up from 80% in April. The associated waiting list for the CCG was 1915 in April down to 1668 in July a 13% improvement, this is the snapshot number of people waiting or their scan.

The radiology reporting has seen delays of 6 to 8 weeks due to reading capacity. The Trust has contracted out reading of scans, approx. 11,000 and will significantly reduce the wait to two weeks by the end of the year. This has been an issue not unique to our area reflecting a shortage nationally of radiologists. NLAG have been awarded national capital to extend its capacity in Grimsby for MRI but as this is a major and complex build it will be a couple of years before it comes on line.

3) A question was asked regarding the drinks dispenser selling products with aspartame at the Hospitals. As this is a question that relates to NL&G, Mark Webb agreed to speak to the guest after the meeting to see how he could help convey the question to the Trust.

4) A question was raised about had the CCG considered appointing an independent "Social and health care Commissioner" role?

It was noted that we have the Community Forum working with the CCG, who are independent, and we have Lay Member and representatives of the Community Forum on the Governing Body.

5) A member of the public commented that we were painting a rosy picture, and not acknowledging the negative aspects, such as failing GP's, hospitals etc.

The Chair noted that the staff at the CCG were determined to do our best. It was unfair to represent us as not doing so. We do not hide behind the challenges we face. All GP's, Manager, and the organisation are completely aware of the inadequacies within the system, but people are working their hardest to deliver the best we can for taxpayers in our region. Our Governing Body meetings include a high level of scrutiny and the public are welcome to attend and raise questions

## **5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, at the Town Hall, Grimsby