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To the Members of the Governing Body of NHS North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group

### **Annual Audit Letter 2013/14**

We are pleased to submit our annual audit letter which summarises our 2013/14 audit of NHS North East Lincolnshire CCG (“the CCG”). It summarises the key issues arising from our 2013/14 audit at the CCG. Although this letter is addressed to the members of the Governing Body of the CCG it is also intended to communicate the issues arising from the audit of the CCG to external stakeholders, such as members of the public. It is the responsibility of the CCG to publish this letter on the CCG’s website at <http://www.northeastlincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/>

### **Scope of our audit**

The statutory responsibilities and powers of appointed auditors are set out in the Audit Commission Act 1998. Our main responsibility is to carry out an audit that meets the requirements of the Audit Commission’s Code of Audit Practice (“the Code”). On 2 June 2014 we presented our report under auditing standard ISA 260 to those charged with governance, the Integrated Governance and Audit Committee, which summarised our conclusions from the 2013/14 audit and outlined our auditor responsibilities under statute and the Code. Following the presentation of our ISA 260 report to the Integrated Governance and Audit Committee we have:

- issued an unqualified opinion on the CCG’s 2013/14 financial statements on 5 June 2014 meeting the Department of Health’s deadline of 6 June;
- concluded that there were no matters arising from our use of resources work that we need to report for the year ending 31 March 2014.

- issued an unqualified Group Audit Assurance Certificate to the National Audit Office regarding the Whole of Government accounts submission with no exceptions.

### **Public Interest Reporting**

We have a responsibility to consider whether there is a need to issue a public interest report or whether there are any issues which require referral to the Secretary of State. There were no matters in the public interest that we needed to report or refer to the Secretary of State in 2013/14.

### **Key findings**

We are pleased to report that there were no recommendations arising from our 2013/14 audit work.

### **Fees**

Our fee for the 2013/14 external audit was £70,542 excluding VAT. This was £4,542 more than the fee agreed at the start of the year with the CCG's Integrated Governance and Audit Committee. The increase to the scale fee, agreed by the Audit Commission, was to cover the additional work required at the CCG on adult social care delivered by the CCG as part of a Partnership Agreement with North East Lincolnshire Council. The Audit Commission made a rebate of £6,000 to the CCG to cover the first year audit costs included within the fee for 2013/14.

### **Closing remarks**

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Deputy Chief Executive/Chief Financial Officer of the CCG and confirmed that all members of the CCG's Governing Body have received a copy. I would like to thank the finance team, senior officers and the Integrated Governance and Audit Committee for their support and co-operation throughout the 2013/14 audit.

Yours faithfully



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Director for, and on behalf of, KPMG LLP