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**UNION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2019 AT 1.00 PM
TOWN HALL, GRIMSBY**

PRESENT:

Mark Webb	NEL CCG Chair
Dr Peter Melton	Chief Clinical Officer, CCG
Anne Hames	Community Representative, CCG
Councillor Hyldon-King	Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, NELC
Councillor P Wheatley	Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills, Housing and Assets, NELC
Councillor Patrick	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Energy, NELC

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rob Walsh	Chief Executive NELC/CCG
Joanne Hewson	Chief Operating Officer, NELC
Laura Whitton	Chief Financial Officer, CCG
Stephen Pintus	Director of Health and Wellbeing, NELC
Sharon Wroot	Director of Resources and Governance, NELC
Helen Kenyon	Chief Operating Officer, CCG
Simon Jones	Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer, NELC
Bev Compton	Director of Adult Services, NELC/CCG
Steve Kay	Director of Children's Services, NELC
Jan Haxby	Director of Quality and Nursing, CCG
Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were recorded or interests declared by the Elected Members, or the CCG Union Board representatives.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

4. TRACKING OF ACTIONS

The Union Board received an update on actions agreed at the previous meeting.

It was noted that the consultation deadline for the Strategic Framework for Wellbeing was 18th April, 2019 so this presented a further opportunity for Board members to provide feedback.

The management of the NLAG contract was discussed in terms of its significant pull on resources, and how this could be controlled, reducing the drivers of cost and ensuring that treatment was provided in the most cost effective way.

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It was agreed that actions relating to funding arrangements arising from the NHS Long Term Plan would be picked up within future finance reports to this Board.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That comments on the Strategic Framework for Wellbeing be forwarded to the Director of Health and Wellbeing by the consultation deadline of 18th April, 2019.**
- (2) That actions relating to funding arrangements arising from the NHS Long Term Plan be picked up within future finance reports to this Board.**

5. COMMISSIONING PRIORITIES

The Board considered a report providing an update on the work to develop a common commissioning approach for the Union and a proposed set of priorities for 2019.

The Board sought clarification around measuring performance and monitoring the impact of the approach. It was noted that a single approach to performance management was being looked at with a view to providing necessary assurance that outcomes were being achieved and this would be presented to the Union Board.

In response to queries about the digital approach and financial considerations, it was emphasised that, while they were both over-arching factors, the Union was not finance or digital-led.

The Board welcomed the inclusion of local commissioning taking account of social value within the underpinning principles and felt that this presented an opportunity to increase flexibility.

The Chair noted the absence of links to the NHS Long Term Plan and felt that this was something that should be at least acknowledged.

RESOLVED - That the commissioning approach and proposed priorities for 2019 be approved.

6. 2019/20 FINANCIAL PLANNING

The Board received a report providing key information and analysis of the financial performance of the Union and the outlook for the forthcoming planning period.

Members welcomed the report and the opportunities for the Union to achieve flexibilities in accessing future finances.

RESOLVED – That the findings from the report be noted.

7. NEW SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Board received a report explaining the changes in national requirements for local safeguarding arrangements that were due to come into effect this year.

In response to a query about involvement of key partners, it was noted that the probation service, although not a statutory partner, would still have an active role.

The Board enquired whether there was an opportunity through primary care networks to ensure safeguarding was in place at a primary care operational level. It was noted that there was an opportunity to strengthen existing arrangements through safeguarding leads but it was suggested that this could be flagged at the Primary Care Commissioning Group.

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The Chair suggested that the CCG Governing Body also receive updates on progress with the changes.

RESOLVED – That the proposed new local safeguarding arrangements plan be noted and that final arrangements be presented to this Board at its meeting in May, 2019.

8. SEND INSPECTION

The Board received a verbal update on progress against actions arising from the SEND inspection.

Mr Kay noted that the first inspection review was due to take place in April, 2019. Early feedback from the CQC and Ofsted was that the collective response to the inspection was strong, to the extent that it was being shared as an example of good practice. There had been good partnership engagement but it was acknowledged that there remained a lot to be done. The Chair emphasised the importance of the Union being appraised of the actions that were being planned as a result of the inspection. Mr Kay stated that he would provide a written statement of action to the next meeting of this Board, including details of feedback received.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted and an interim written statement be circulated to Board members ahead of the forthcoming inspection review.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public for this meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 2.22 p.m.