

Title of Report:	Health and Wellbeing Board Representation at Commissioning Committee Meetings
Report to be considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Date of Meeting:	8 January 2015

Purpose of Report:	To discuss and if appropriate appoint a representative(s) of the Health and Wellbeing Board to attend Clinical Commissioning Group Commissioning Meetings.
Recommended Action:	To appoint a named representative and substitute to attend Clinical Commissioning Group Commissioning Meetings for the North and West Reading Clinical Commissioning Group and the Newbury and District Clinical Commissioning Group.
Reason for decision to be taken:	CCGs are obliged to consult with the Health and Wellbeing Board on the preparation of their commissioning plans.
Other options considered:	Not to appoint a representative
Key background documentation:	None

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Implications

Policy:	No amendments to policy
Financial:	Expenses associated with attending meetings will be funded from existing budgets.
Personnel:	None
Legal/Procurement:	None
Property:	None
Risk Management:	None

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes	Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:			
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Not relevant to equality		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Ian Dodge the National Director (Commissioning Strategy) for NHS England wrote to the Council's Chief Executive and the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 18 December 2014.
- 1.2 The letter sought to encourage Health and Wellbeing Boards to work more closely with their local commissioners of primary care. As part of this initiative they encouraged Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to 'issue a standing invitation to the local Health and Wellbeing Board to appoint representatives to attend commissioning committee meetings'.
- 1.3 The representatives would not form part of the committee and as such would not have any voting rights. They would however be able to remain in the meetings during confidential discussions even if members of the public were excluded from the meeting.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 In order to support alignment in decision making across the local health and social care system it is proposed that the Health and Wellbeing Board nominate a named representative and a named substitute to attend Clinical Commissioning Group Commissioning Meetings for the North and West Reading Clinical Commissioning Group and the Newbury and District Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 2.2 These nominations to be included in the Council's Outside Bodies scheme and therefore the representatives be appointed for a four year period after each district election.

3. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 3.1 This item is not relevant to equality.

Appendices

Appendix A - Letter from National Director: Commissioning Strategy NHS England

Consultees

Local Stakeholders: None

Officers Consulted: None

Trade Union: None