

North Cumbria University Hospitals 
NHS Trust

**MINUTES OF A TRUST BOARD MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2015 AT 12 NOON IN
THE BOARD ROOM, CUMBERLAND
INFIRMARY, CARLISLE**

Present:

- Ms G Tiller, Chair**
- Ms L Robson, Non Executive Director**
- Mr M Cook, Non Executive Director**
- Mr N Mundy, Board Advisor/Interim Audit Chair**
- Professor R Barton, Non Executive Director**
- Mrs A Farrar, Chief Executive**
- Mr S Shanahan, Director of Finance**
- Dr J Rushmer, Medical Director**
- Dr D Freake, Director of Strategy**
- Mrs H Ray, Chief Operating Officer**

In Attendance:

- Ms M Woodward, Interim Director of Governance**
- Mrs J Stockdale, Head of Corporate Affairs/Acting Company Secretary**

TB34/15 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs G Naylor.

Declarations of interest were declared by Mrs A Farrar, Dr J Rushmer and Dr D Freake, as secondees from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and a declaration from Dr Freake as a partner of Gibson, Freake Edge.

TB35/15 QUALITY ACCOUNT 2014/15

Following the public Board meeting held on 2 June 2015, Ms Woodward presented the finalised Quality Account 2014/15 for Board approval.

Ms Woodward advised that she was taking the report as read and confirmed that the alterations pending with the printers had now been addressed. Ms Woodward further confirmed that a current copy of the quality account had been circulated to board members that morning.

Ms Woodward reported that the Trust's external auditors had reviewed the Report and made six recommendations. Ms Woodward took the Board through these recommendations and confirmed that five of the recommendations relating to routine disclosures, disclosures pertaining to

performance data, ensuring the quality priorities for 2015/16 were SMART, inclusion of CQUIN data and inclusion of PFI fire issue (from the AGS) and entry into the success regime within the Chief Executive statement had been addressed. The remaining recommendation related to the calculation of the VTE indicator being made on basis of discharges in opposed to the national approach whereby the calculation is made on the basis of admissions. Ms Woodward confirmed that the Trust was required by the NHS Quality Account Regulations 2010 to be subject to external audit. Mrs Farrar confirmed that this was a useful exercise that assured the Board that they had complied with the regulatory requirements.

Ms Woodward also confirmed that the feedback received from Cumbria CCG, Healthwatch and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee had been positive and where improvements had been identified, these had been taken on board for the purposes of the report.

The Board **NOTED** that the information relating to CQUIN priorities for 2015/16 and delivery of CQUIN 2014/15 remained unavailable due to ongoing negotiations with Cumbria CCG and that limited information would be included within the report due to this delay. Mrs Ray and Mr Shanahan would be finalising the CQUIN contract within the next week.

Ms Woodward took the Board through the report, highlighting minor formatting amendments that had been made to a later version; a copy of which had been emailed to the Board that morning.

Mr Mundy commented that the report was a reasonably good report and felt that the examination by the external auditors was reassuring. He also drew attention to the funnel diagram on page 46, which he felt did not identify the Trust clearly enough. Ms Woodward **AGREED** to encircle the Trust's position within the diagram with a red circle as requested. Mr Mundy also felt that there were a lot of 'not met' issues outlined within the report (page 52) and felt it would be useful to add some commentary to explain why these had not been met. Ms Woodward explained that reference to these had been made elsewhere in the report, however, **AGREED** to reference this on page 52 and to highlight that the Board was committed to achieving these. It was agreed that the following sentence would be added: 'The Trust Board are committed to delivering the targets; improvement plans are in place to secure compliance as early as possible during 2015/16.'

In summary, Ms Woodward confirmed that she would make the necessary minor amendments to the report, and requested the Board to approve the report, subject to the changes being made, so that it could be uploaded to NHS Choices as per the NHS (Quality Account) Regulations 2010.

The Board **APPROVED** the Quality Account 2014/15.

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 28 July 2015 at 1pm in the Board Room, Cumberland Infirmary.