

**North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 26 September 2023 2:15pm-3pm
The Durham Centre, Belmont, DH1 1TN**

Minutes

Present: Professor Sir Liam Donaldson, Chair
Samantha Allen, Chief Executive
Christopher Akers-Belcher, Healthwatch Representative
Levi Buckley, Executive Area Director (North and North Cumbria)
David Chandler, Executive Director of Finance
Professor Graham Evans, Executive Chief Digital, and Information Officer
Tom Hall, Local Authority Partner Member
Professor Eileen Kaner, Independent Non-Executive Member
Annie Laverty, Executive Director of Improvement and Experience
Jacqueline Myers, Executive Chief of Strategy and Operations
Dr Rajesh Nadkarni, Foundation Trust Partner Member
Dr Neil O'Brien, Executive Medical Director
David Purdue, Executive Chief Nurse
Claire Riley, Executive Director of Corporate Governance, Communications and Involvement
Jon Rush, Independent Non-Executive Member
Dr Mike Smith, Primary Medical Services Partner Member
David Stout, Independent Non-Executive Member
Lisa Taylor, Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Representative

In Attendance: Deborah Cornell, Director of Corporate Governance and Board Secretary
Sarah Burns, Director of Place County Durham (attending as deputy to David Gallagher)
Cameron Waddell, External Auditor, Mazars
Toni Taylor, Governance Officer (minutes)

AGM/2023/01 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board Annual General Meeting.

AGM/2023/02 2022-23 Highlights and Looking Forward

A video was presented looking back over the first year of the Integrated Care Board [ICB 1 year video](#) .

The Chief Executive thanked the ICB executive team and the support of partners across the system in the setting up the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board and reiterated that the core purpose of the Integrated Care Board is improving the health of the population and tackling health equity across the region.

North East and North Cumbria have a workforce of 170,000 health and social care workers and is the largest employer in the region.

When looking at population health the ICB looks at the quadruple aim of:

- Better health and wellbeing for the whole population
- Better quality care for all patients
- Sustainable services for the taxpayer
- A reduction in health inequalities

The Board acknowledged that one of the key highlights from the first year was the development of the Integrated Care Strategy which was widely consulted on and co-produced with partners and the population.

The four key goals of the strategy Better Health and Wellbeing for All are:

1. Longer and healthier lives

Our goal by 2030 is to reduce the gap between how long people live in the North East and North Cumbria compared to the rest of England by 10%, so that our communities live longer and healthier lives.

2. Fairer outcomes for all

Our goal by 2030 is to reduce, by 10%, the inequality in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy at birth between people living in the most deprived and least deprived 20% of communities.

3. Better health and care services

Our goals by 2030 are to:

- ensure our Integrated Care System is rated as good or outstanding by the Care Quality Commission (CQC)
- increase the percentage of regulated services across social care, primary care and secondary care that are rated as good or outstanding by the CQC.

4. Giving children and young people the best start in life

Our goal by 2030 is to increase the percentage of children with good school readiness when they join the reception class, especially for children from disadvantaged groups.

During the first year, NHS England delegated commissioning responsibilities to Integrated Care Boards for pharmacy, optometry and dental (POD) services. Taking on the responsibility of these services provides real opportunity to tackle some of the challenges, specifically around dental services with an immediate dental recovery access plan put in place.

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Further delegation will take place with the ICB also taking responsibility for specialist commissioning.

The ICB is working in partnership to deliver the joint forward plan and a medium and long-term financial recovery plan over the next 3-5 years:

- Making the most of public sector reform
- Collaborating with our NHS providers
- Engaging with wider partners, communities, patients and the public

General practice and primary care practitioners were acknowledged for their best access measures in the ICB's first year, which was above the England average. The Board recognised that not only have primary care recovered in terms of pre-covid activity, but they have also exceeded it in terms of contact with patients. A collaborative has been established specifically for primary care, and the Board acknowledged that primary care membership, on the Board, has been very valuable.

In terms of managing resources, the organisation has some unique challenges in the region including a greater health and care need worsened by the pandemic which has been made more complex due to the geography covered.

As the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, the aim is to:

- Plan the health needs of 3.1 million people
- Manage the £7 billion NHS budget
- Arrange health services across the region.

The cost of healthcare in the region is higher when looking at the cost of prescribing and long-term conditions and the funding allocated is reducing year on year. The challenge as a region is how to plan and shape resources in terms of treatment but also tackle prevention aspects.

Integrated Care Boards have been tasked with reducing running costs by 30% which equates to £17.6 million for NENC ICB. Staff are actively engaged in the process, which will look at working differently, fewer jobs and reducing duplication.

The ICB in its first year established a learning and improvement community with over 500 members including the public, patients, residents and professionals.

A children and young people summit has been planned for October, bringing the community together to identify some of the challenges within the region.

The Board acknowledged the achievements of the ICB within its first year and wished to thank all involved.

AGM/2023/03 Introduction to the annual reports and accounts for 2022/23

The Executive Director of Finance gave an introduction and a presentation on the annual report and accounts for 2022/23.

For the three months ending 30th June 2022, all eight former CCGs across North East and North Cumbria delivered all of their statutory financial duties.

For the nine months ending 31st March 2023, the North East and North Cumbria (NENC) ICB delivered all of its statutory financial duties.

The wider NENC Integrated Care System (ICS) also delivered a surplus financial position.

The ICB allocated 99.1% of its total resources on commissioning healthcare in 2022/23.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2022/23, both for the ICB and former CCGs, can be accessed under the publications section of our website.

AGM/2023/04 NENC ICB Annual Assurance Letter 2022/23

The Chief Executive presented the annual assurance letter received from NHS England.

For 2022/23 NHS England has undertaken a narrative based assessment of ICBs as set out in the NHS Oversight Framework.

Evidence was considered from the 2022/23 annual report, feedback from stakeholders and discussions between the ICB and NHSE regional team throughout the year.

The letter sets out the assessment of North East and North Cumbria ICB's performance in 2022/23 against the duties against which NHS England is statutorily required to consider.

The letter is available for perusal on the North East and North Cumbria's external website under the publications section.

AGM/2023/05 External Audit Opinion

External Auditor, Cameron Waddell attended on behalf of Mazars.

The eight Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) accounts were audited by the former CCG external auditors (Ernest Young, Grant Thornton and Mazars).

The NENC ICB accounts were audited by Mazars.

Unqualified audit opinions received for all CCGs and ICB for 2022/23:

- Financial Statement Opinion – Unqualified
- Regularity Opinion – Unqualified
- No matters to report on annual report
- Value for Money arrangements – no significant weaknesses identified.

One high priority control recommendation was raised relating to the treatment

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of accruals in a number of former CCGs, with processes being reviewed for 2023/24.

AGM/2023/06 Questions from the public

None received.

The Chair thanked the team for the preparation of the annual report and annual general meeting.

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