

Report To:	Governing Body Meetings in Common
Report Title:	Warwickshire North CCG Chair's Report – March 2020
Report From:	Sharon Beamish – Chair of NHS Warwickshire North CCG
Date:	18 th March 2020
Previously Considered by:	N/A

Action Required (*delete as appropriate*)

Decision:		Assurance:		Information:	✓	Confidential	
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Purpose of the Report:

To advise the Governing Body of activity since the January 2020 meeting of the Governing Body.

Key Points:

- Outcome of the Members' vote on the future of health commissioning in Coventry and Warwickshire
- Cyber Security Training
- Lay member for Patient and Public Engagement

Recommendation:

The Warwickshire North CCG Governing Body is requested to **NOTE** the report.

Implications

Objective(s) / Plans supported by this report:	Governance of the CCG						
Conflicts of Interest:	Not applicable						
Financial:	Non-Recurrent Expenditure:	Not applicable					
	Recurrent Expenditure:	Not applicable					
	Is this expenditure included within the CCG's Financial Plan? (Delete as appropriate)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
Performance:	Not applicable						
Quality and Safety:	Not applicable						
Equality and Diversity:	General Statement: The CCG is committed to fulfil its obligations under the Equality Act 2010, and to ensure services commissioned by the CCG are non-discriminatory on the grounds of any protected characteristics. Policies/decisions may need to be adjusted in line with any equality analysis or due regard. Any decision that is finalised without being influenced by appropriate due regard could be deemed unlawful.						
	Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	Yes (attached)		No		N/A	✓

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Patient and Public Engagement:	Not applicable						
Clinical Engagement:	Not applicable						
Risk and Assurance:	Not applicable						

Outcome of the Members' vote on the future of health commissioning in Coventry and Warwickshire

I am pleased to be able to confirm the outcome of the Members' vote on the future of health commissioning in Coventry and Warwickshire. As you will be aware, Members were asked to vote on three options; Option 1 – Do Nothing; Option 2 – Remain as three separate statutory bodies, but with a joint management team across all three CCGs; Option 3 – Merge the CCGs into one single statutory body.

This vote ran concurrently with Coventry and Rugby CCG. South Warwickshire CCG Members had voted on the same options in June 2019, with the majority of their Member's voting for Option Three – Merger. Our voting period ran from 27th January 2020 – 7 February 2020.

In Warwickshire North the majority of Members voted for Option 3 – Merger of the three Clinical Commissioning Groups.

In Warwickshire North 20 out of a possible 26 votes were cast. Of these

- 2 were for Option 1 – Do Nothing
- 5 were for Option 2 – Joint Working
- 13 were for Option 3 – Merger.

65% of votes cast were for Option 3 with the final mandate for each CCG determined by simple majority rule. I want to thank all Members across the three Clinical Commissioning Groups who have engaged with this process, attended meetings and otherwise shared their views. I believe that this is the best way for us to deliver the goals of the Long Term Plan, and to address the 20% cut to the running cost budget, which comes in on April 1 and I'm grateful to Members for taking the time to seriously consider these options. As a CCG we are committed to working with you to realise the benefits for patients, practices and system which will come from a merged organisation.

Cyber Security Training

Governing Body Members attended Cyber Security Training setting out the potential threats and risks organisations and individuals face in protecting information from theft and damage, it is part of our assurance process to ensure Governing Body Members have full understanding of those risks to assure themselves the organisation has taken reasonable steps to mitigate them.

Lay Member for Patient and Public Engagement

I am pleased to announce that a new Lay member for Patient and Public Engagement to cover both Warwickshire North and Coventry and Rugby CCG has been appointed and should hopefully start in April 2020 and is a welcome addition to the Governing Body.

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