

Report to Governing Bodies – Key Messages from  
Joint Finance Performance Contracting and Commissioning Committee

22 October 2019

Dr Ian Woods, Chair

The committee met in Northallerton on Tuesday 22 October with some members present “virtually” on a Skype conference call. The communications technology worked well.

Committee was quorate, with a total of 11 attendees and several invited staff presenting papers and supporting information. Conflicts of Interest were noted and managed in relation to investment decisions.

The key issues discussed and minuted were:

- The committee reviewed the previous meeting minutes and reviewed the action point progress
- The committee reviewed and agreed an initial Forward View planner for the JFPCCC. This identifies when key information and reports will be expected on the committee agenda through the year. It was agreed as a working document which will inevitably develop as governance within the CCG merger process evolves
- The CFO presented a financial overview of the current financial position across the 3 CCGs. All were presenting an “on plan” position as the end of the second quarter approached. However, there were considerable risks of varying size to this position
- Committee received finance and contracting reports from the 3 CCGs. These were discussed in some detail by committee members. Particular concerns were reviewed in relation to the contract position and key target delivery at South Tees FT and also the impact of the change in service provision at the Friarage Hospital
- Detailed discussion took place regarding where year to date activity figures were putting at risk completing acute contracts within budget and where specialty performance was jeopardising for example access targets. The committee received assurance as to the work being done on prescribing activity increases

- Committee received a verbal Future Financial Plan in advance of its required draft submission to NHSE. The plan will be reworked following this ahead of final sign off on the 15 November 2019
- JFPCCC AGREED to support a medicine rebate scheme across the three CCGs for the use of a specific named oral anticoagulant Rivaroxaban. The scheme could potentially benefit the combined budgets by £150k
- JFPCCC AGREED to support a Tender Waiver in order to commission on-line support tools “MyMHealth” and “Mindmate”. These products had been used within the CCG and were felt to be valuable adjuncts to patient support, worthy of re-procuring without further tender; and
- The committee discussed the monthly timing of this meeting; there were factors supporting and resisting a move to an earlier monthly date. It was agreed to wait until the new CFO takes up post next month, and in the interim it was agreed the next meetings will be on Tuesday 26 November 2019 and provisionally Tuesday 17 December, both to take place at Northallerton Civic Centre.