

Agenda Item: 15

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**Norwich****Clinical Commissioning Group**

Subject:	CCG Vice Chair and Deputy Chair
Presented By:	Nikki Cocks Director of Operations and Delivery
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Purpose of Paper:	Agreement
Summary: <p>The Health and Social Care Act (which amends the NHS Act 2006), and the supporting regulations The National Health Service (Clinical Commissioning Groups) Regulations 2012 set out the requirements relating to the CCG, including the specified minimum membership of the Governing Body. The NHS England document “Clinical commissioning group governing body members: Role outlines, attributes and skills” (October 2012) defines each role in detail.</p> <p>Norwich CCG’s constitution describes how the CCG complies with the requirements of the legislative framework.</p> <p>The Chair is elected from the six GP or primary care health professional members of the Governing Body and is the individual recognized by the CCG as the leading clinician.</p> <p>Currently, the Constitution does not specify a role of Vice Chair. The NHS England guidance explains that whilst it is not possible to have more than one individual in the role of Chair of governing body, a CCG may choose to have a second role of —assistant clinical chair alongside the Deputy Chair. This individual could undertake a very significant role in terms of time and leadership of the organisation. If the CCG wished, the key nature of this role could be defined in the constitution.</p> <p>The National Health Service (Clinical Commissioning Groups) Regulations 2012 specify that if the Chair is a GP or other healthcare professional, the Deputy Chair should be a lay member who should take the Chair’s role for discussions and decisions involving conflict of interest for the Chair. The two lay members alternate the role on an 18 month rotation.</p>	
Recommendation: The Governing Body is asked to approve that:-	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The post of Vice Chair is created and added to the Constitution2) That Dr David Goldser is appointed at the Vice Chair for 3 years3) That Irene Macdonald officially takes up the Deputy Chair role on rotation4) The following words are added to the constitution “The deputy chair will be one of the two lay members as voted by the Governing Body”	