

North Tyneside Health & Wellbeing Board Report Date: 16th June 2016

ITEM 11

Title: Appointment of
Member to the Board

Report from : Law & Governance, North Tyneside Council

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1. Purpose:

This report invites the Board to consider the appointment of a representative from the TyneHealth General Practitioner Federation as a Member of the Board.

2. Recommendation(s):

The Board is recommended to appoint a representative of the TyneHealth GP Federation to the Board.

3. Policy Framework

This item relates to the operation of the Board and so there are no direct links with delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-18.

4. Information:

- 4.1 In accordance with the Health and Social Care Act the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board must comprise of certain prescribed individuals and such additional persons as the Board or the Council think appropriate.
- 4.2 The former Chair of the Board, Councillor Spillard, had suggested that a representative of TyneHealth be appointed as a member of the Board in recognition of the fact that the Federation of General Practitioners are a key stakeholder and service provider within the North Tyneside health economy. As a federation of GP practices, TyneHealth delivers care to the residents of North Tyneside by:
 - Providing additional healthcare services directly to patients;
 - Enabling its GP member practices to deliver additional services; and
 - Working to improve the efficiency and sustainability of its member practices.
- 4.3 Hugo Minney, Chief Executive of TyneHealth, has indicated that the Federation would be pleased to be able to take part in the Board. He recognises that there may be certain discussions where any representative would need to declare a potential conflict of interest. However he has commented that there would be real value to any panel charged with ensuring best use of limited resources if it had the people directly involved in delivery were represented on the Board.

4.7 The Board currently comprises 21 members. The appointment of a representative of TyneHealth will increase the membership to 22 members. A recent survey of Health & Wellbeing Boards in the North East region revealed the largest Board has 27 members and the smallest 14. The average is 19.

5. Decision options:

The Board may decide to either:-

- a) not to appoint any further additional persons to the Board; or
- b) appoint a representative of the TyneHealth to the Board.

6. Reasons for recommended option:

The Board is recommended to agree option b) to secure appropriate representation on the Board.

7. Appendices:

None.

8. Contact officers:

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9. Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Health and Social Care Act 2012
- (2) The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013
- (3) Reports to the Board June 2013 and April 2016 and associated minutes.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

9 Finance and other resources

The costs associated with the operation of the Board will be contained within existing budgets.

10 Legal

Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that a local authority must appoint specified persons to a Health and Wellbeing Board and that the Board may appoint such other persons as it thinks is appropriate.

11 Consultation/community engagement

Consultation has been undertaken with TyneHealth.

12 Human rights

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

13 Equalities and diversity

An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken in respect to the establishment and operation of the Board.

14 Risk management

A risk assessment has not been undertaken in connection to this matter.

15 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

16 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability issues arising from this report.

SIGN OFF

Director of Public Health

Chair/Deputy Chair of the Board

Chief Finance Officer

Head of Law & Governance