



## GOVERNING BODY

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	<b>IESCCG 19-74</b>
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Approval of Constitution Amendments and Separation of Detailed Financial Policies</b>	
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<b>Purpose</b>	To separate the Detailed Financial Policies from the Constitution	
<b>Applicable CCG Priorities:</b>		
1.	To promote self care	
2.	To ensure high quality local services where possible	
3.	To improve the health of those most in need	
4.	To improve health & educational attainment for children & young people	
5.	To improve access to mental health services	
6.	To improve outcomes for patients with diabetes to above national averages	
7.	To improve care for frail elderly individuals	
8.	To allow patients to die with dignity and compassion and to choose their place of death where appropriate.	
9.	To ensure that the CCG operates within agreed budgets	
<b>Action required by Governing Body:</b>		
For approval.		

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 In view of the closer working relationship between the Suffolk CCGs and the North East Essex CCGs in advance of a formal merger, it is necessary to amend the existing CCG Constitutions to reflect this and the new combined senior management arrangements.
- 1.2 It is not necessary to have the CCGs Detailed Financial Policies (DFP's) as part of the Constitution (excepting the delegated scheme of financial authority which is Appendix A of Appendix E) and it is therefore proposed that they be separated
- 1.3 This proposed separation is purely administrative and it is anticipated will be readily approved by NHS England.

## **2. Key Issues**

- 2.2 As it is not a requirement to have the CCGs DFP's as an integral part of the Constitution, it is proposed that the documents be separated. This will ensure that the future approval of amendments to the DFP's can be simplified without recourse to NHS England as is presently the case while they are part of the Constitution.
- 2.3 The scheme of delegation and limits of financial authority are currently appended as Appendix A of Appendix E, which contains the detailed financial policies. It is proposed that these be moved to follow Appendix D, the full scheme of reservation and delegation.
- 2.4 Following Governing Body approval, the amended Constitution will be presented to NHS England for final approval. As these are only administrative changes, it is anticipated that this will be a straightforward process.
- 2.5 The same changes are also being applied to the West Suffolk and North East Essex CCG Constitutions.
- 2.6 Work on a new combined Constitution based on the recently published NHS England template will commence in due course.

## **3 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Governing Body is requested to approve the Constitution amendments and authorise submission to NHS England.