



GOVERNING BODY REPORT

Agenda Item No.	16
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Title	Approval of Constitution Amendments	
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Purpose	To approve necessary amendments to the CCG Constitution to reflect the closer working relationship with North East Essex CCG and the appointment of a joint executive management team	
Applicable CCG Clinical Priorities: N/A		
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 and 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	
Action required by Governing Body:		
Approval		

1. Background

- 1.1 In view of the closer working relationship between the Suffolk CCGs & the North East Essex CCGs in advance of a formal merger, it is necessary to amend the existing CCG Constitutions to reflect this & the new combined senior management arrangements.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 As the individual CCGs remain separate statutory bodies until any formal merger occurs, the amendments are purely administrative & do not alter the key tenets of the CCGs existing Constitution.
- 2.2 The proposed amendments, highlighted in red for ease of reference, reflect the new executive management arrangements and post titles together with relevant references to combined working.
- 2.3 The amendments have been discussed and approved by the Clinical Executive Committee.
- 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. Patient and Public Engagement

N/A

4. Recommendation

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