

Integrated Care Board

Date of meeting	10 April 2024
Title of paper	Ratification of Chair's Action: Specialised Services Delegation Agreement
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Agenda item	Item 6a
Confidential	no

Executive summary

This report details Chair's Action taken on behalf of the board in relation to the North West Specialised Services Delegation Agreement between NHS England and Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB, and the Terms of Reference for the North West Specialised Services Joint Committee.

As the ICB Board meeting held in public will be taking place 10 days after delegation, there is a requirement for a Chair's action to be taken to sign of the delegation document before 1 April 2024 and agree the delegated responsibilities and liabilities transfer on that day.

This report provides assurance to the board that Chair's action has been undertaken in line with the ICB's Standing Orders.

The Delegation Agreement and Joint Committee Terms of Reference are included in full for information with item 6b – Specialised Commissioning Operational Arrangements. Item 6b also asked the Board to approve the local governance arrangements for the ICB in relation to specialised commissioning.

Recommendations

The board is asked to:

- Ratify the Chair's Action
- Consider the further recommendations in relation to operating arrangements under Item 6b

Which Strategic Objective/s does the report relate to:

		Tick
SO1	Improve quality, including safety, clinical outcomes, and patient experience	x
SO2	To equalise opportunities and clinical outcomes across the area	x
SO3	Make working in Lancashire and South Cumbria an attractive and desirable option for existing and potential employees	

SO4	Meet financial targets and deliver improved productivity	x
SO5	Meet national and locally determined performance standards and targets	x
SO6	To develop and implement ambitious, deliverable strategies	

Implications

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Associated risks		x		
Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?		x		
Financial Implications		x		

Where paper has been discussed (list other committees/forums that have discussed this paper)

Meeting	Date	Outcomes
Meeting with the Chair, Acting Deputy CEO, Chief Operating Officer, and Company Secretary.	Thursday 28 March 2024	Chair's action taken in relation to the signing of the North West Specialised Commissioning Delegation Agreement between NHS England and Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB

Conflicts of interest associated with this report

not applicable

Impact assessments

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Quality impact assessment completed			x	
Equality impact assessment completed			x	
Data privacy impact assessment completed			x	

Report authorised by:

Sam Proffitt, Chief Finance Officer, and Acting Deputy Chief Executive

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Ratification of Chair's Action: Specialised Commissioning Delegation Agreement

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report details Chair's Action taken on behalf of the board in relation to the North West Specialised Commissioning Delegation Agreement between NHS England and Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB), and the Terms of Reference for the North West Specialised Services Joint Committee.

2. Chair's Action

- 2.1 There may occasionally be circumstances where decisions that would normally be made by the Board need to be taken between scheduled meetings, and it is not practicable to call a meeting of the Board.
- 2.2 In these circumstances and in accordance with section 4.9 of the ICB's Standing Orders, the powers which are reserved or delegated to the board may for an urgent decision be exercised by the Chair and Chief Executive (or relevant lead director in the case of committees) subject to every effort having made to consult with as many members as possible in the given circumstances.
- 2.3 The exercise of such powers shall be reported to the next formal meeting of the board for formal ratification and the Audit Committee for oversight.

3. Action Taken

- 3.1 As the ICB Board meeting held in public will be taking place 10 days after as you will be aware, the delegation, there is a requirement for a Chair's action to be taken to sign the delegation document before 1 April 2024 and agree the delegated responsibilities and liabilities transfer on that day.
- 3.2 On 28 March 2024, the Acting Chair, and the Acting Deputy Chief Executive, supported by the Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary, approved the signing and submission of the North West Specialised Commissioning Delegation Agreement between NHS England and Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB), and the Terms of Reference for the North West Specialised Services Joint Committee. The Joint Committee is a formal committee of NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB, NHS Cheshire and Mersey ICB, and NHS Greater Manchester ICB.
- 3.3 The Chair's Action was taken to ensure that the ICB was ready to receive formal delegation of single-ICB and Multi-ICB Specialised Commissioning Services from 1 April 2024, and that the Joint Committee with NHS Cheshire and Mersey ICB and greater Manchester ICB could be formally established with

effect from 1 April 2024 in order to undertake decision-making for Multi-ICB level services.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Board is requested to:

- Ratify the Chair's Action
- Consider the further recommendations in relation to operating arrangements under Item 6b

Debra Atkinson

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28 March 2024