

**Meeting held on Thursday 27 August 2015, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Room 231, Preston Business Centre, Watling Street Road, Fulwood, Preston**

**Present:**

Dr Chris Clayton (Chair) – Blackburn with Darwen  
Dr Gora Bangi – Chorley & South Ribble  
Dr Alex Gaw – Lancashire North  
Dr Mike Ions – East Lancashire  
Dr John Caine – West Lancashire  
Dr Dinesh Patel – Greater Preston  
Dr Tony Naughton – Fylde & Wyre CCG  
Mr Mike Maguire – West Lancashire  
Mr David Bonson – Blackpool  
Mr Andrew Bennett – Lancashire North

**In Attendance:**

Mrs Elaine Johnstone – LCSU  
Mr Gary Raphael – Blackpool  
Mr Andrew Harrison – Fylde & Wyre  
Mrs Cath Hill – AquA (item 4)  
Ms Lesley Kitchen – AquA (item 4)  
Mrs Jane Higgs – NHS England (item 11)  
Dr Raj Patel – Medical Director NHS England (item 11)  
Mrs Jill Truby – Lancashire CCGs Network

**1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interests**

Dr Chris Clayton welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Amanda Doyle, Jan Ledward, Peter Tinson, Debbie Nixon, Sharon Martin, Linda Riley, Carl Ashworth, Roger Parr and Paul Kingan. Dr Clayton asked for declarations of interests, none were declared.

**2. Minutes of the meeting held 30 July 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2015 were agreed as an accurate record.

**3. Matters arising and action sheet**

Dr Clayton sought and obtained confirmation that the actions from the previous meeting were either complete or in hand.

**4. AQuA update**

Mrs Cath Hill and Ms Lesley Kitchen from AQuA were in attendance. Mrs Hill had attended the Network in December 2014, and was invited back to give an update. Highlights from the presentation included:

- AQ Aims and Principles
- AQ Developments 2015
- Lancashire CCGs – Application of AQ Measures
- Overview AQ in Lancashire
- AQ in Primary Care
- Supporting Change with CCGs and member practices

In summary:

- AQ Programme is being developed to meet the new system challenges.
- Continuing to reduce costs
- Rolled out new clinical focus areas
- Primary care offer
- Reviewing alternative approach to 'reliability'
- Increasing flexibility of approach
- Increased engagement through audit
- The Five Year Forward View – promotes reliability as a key requirement for service provision
- CCGs need to consider how they are contractually assessing the quality of the services being provided

- Next steps with the Lancashire CCGs regarding the primary care rollout.

Dr Bangi, as chair of the AQ Reference Board and co-chair of the Co-commissioning management group, urged members to consider taking part. Mr Bennett asked if South Cumbria could be encouraged to join. Mr Bonson reported that Blackpool CCG was considering the position but would not be participating in the whole programme. Mr Bennett confirmed that Morecambe Bay was totally engaged. Dr Bangi indicated that it would make more sense to have a Lancashire wide programme. Dr Ions welcomed the initiative so long as it didn't create work for CCGs. Dr Caine reported that West Lancashire had not committed to taking part initially due to cost but would be willing to reconsider based on costs now.

Mr Raphael proposed that there was some merit in working alongside the CSU in analysing data information and Mrs Johnstone, CSU, agreed to follow up.

Dr Clayton summarised that this programme would improve quality in an effective and efficient way. Dr Bangi confirmed that it would fit into the CCB agenda from a Primary Care perspective.

It was agreed that Dr Bangi and Mrs Johnstone would bring a proposal back to the Network.

**ACTION:**

Dr Bangi/Mrs Johnstone to prepare proposal.

Mrs Johnstone left the meeting whilst the next item was discussed.

**5. Commissioning Support Procurement**

Members considered the implication of the timing of the commissioning support procurement. It was suggested that Mr Bonson and Mr Harrison prepare an assurance paper identifying the risks and benefits on the Lancashire position. In the interim it was agreed to extend the current agreement until the assessment of the position had been undertaken.

**ACTION:**

Messrs Bonson and Harrison to prepare an assurance paper.

Mrs Johnstone returned to meeting

**6. Healthier Lancashire proposals**

Dr Ions gave a summary of the recent workshop. The day had been split into two sessions, during the morning session Ernst Young had set the current scene and during the afternoon delegates were asked to look at what needs to be done on a Lancashire wide footprint. Issues for the Healthier Lancashire team to consider are: mental health, A&W, urgent care and workforce. Dr Ions confirmed that the Healthier Lancashire programme was now more focused and worked differently. However if the programme was to continue the issue of governance required further consideration.

Mr Harrison enquired whether the local authorities were connected as it was important that they were key partners in this health economy. It was proposed that the chief executives of the three Lancashire authorities are invited to attend a future meeting of the Network for their views on the health agenda. Dr Clayton agreed to action.

In relation to funding, Mr Raphael had circulated a discussion document for consideration following the July meeting where the costs associated with Healthier Lancashire had been discussed.

Mr Rapael highlighted that the figure quoted to continue with Healthier Lancashire was the maximum cost for the core team to the end of March 2016. An agreement was required to share the funding across all organisations from this autumn. Members were asked to consider the most appropriate arrangements for underwriting the costs of the existing core team to ensure security of the Healthier Lancashire work.

It was agreed that there was a commitment from all CCGs to the programme and for CFOs to agree the funding arrangement.

**ACTION:**

Dr Clayton to invite local authority chief executives to a future meeting of the Network.  
CFOs to agree the funding arrangement

**6. North West Specialised Commissioning Oversight group**

A request had been received by CCGs from the Regional Director of Specialised Commissioning North to re-establish a North West Specialised Commissioning Oversight Group in light of the national collaborative commissioning guidance. Nominations were sought from Accountable Officers, Clinical and Finance representatives of CCGs. Mrs Ledward and Mr Parr had previously been the Lancashire representatives, so were duly nominated to continue representing Lancashire on the re-established group.

**7. Declarations of interests – Chief Finance Officers**

Members received the Chief Finance Officers declarations of interest for 2015.

**8. Minutes from other meetings**

The draft minutes from the Collaborative Commissioning Board meeting held on 11 August were noted.

**9. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**10. NHS England issues**

An informal discussion between Network members and NHS England Lancashire Team took place and the following areas discussed:

- LTH / Healthier Lancashire
- Calderstones
- Urgent continuing care network
- IAPT
- Assurance framework
- Activity

Mrs Johnstone left meeting.

- Commissioning support and Lancashire perspective

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 24 September 2015 9 am to 12:30 pm, venue room 231, Preston Business Centre, Fulwood, Preston.**