

CUMBRIA HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting date: 24 July 2017

From: Policy and Scrutiny Team

CUMBRIA HEALTH SCRUTINY VARIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report concerns the membership of the Variation Sub-Committee.

2.0 ISSUES FOR SCRUTINY

2.1 The Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to nominate and agree the membership of the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Variation Sub-Committee.

3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

3.1 The Committee has an agreed protocol in place to deal with Substantial Variations of Health Services.

3.2 The protocol has been developed to facilitate a common approach between NHS Organisations and the Health Scrutiny Committee of Cumbria County Council as to what constitutes a 'substantial variation or development' of health services.

3.3 It is intended to promote early discussions on potential substantial variations as they are initially considered, prior to any formal consultation, so as to facilitate a more collaborative and joined up approach to substantial variations. The protocol is about working together, within the legal framework, to improve the experience of patients.

3.4 The protocol was developed with advice and significant input from the Council's Legal Services Team.

3.5 The Committee established the Variation Sub-Committee and delegated Stage 1 of the protocol to the Sub-Committee.

3.6 The Sub-Committee shall be made up of a representative drawn from the membership of the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee from each of the following areas, which may be a District or County Council Member of the Committee for that area, previous membership:

- Barrow – Michael Cassells
- Eden - Neil Hughes
- Allerdale – Carni McCarron-Holmes (Vice-Chair)
- Copeland – Gillian Troughton
- Carlisle – Jo Williams
- South Lakeland – Mark Wilson (Chair)

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Cumbria Health Scrutiny Variation Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

Appendix 2 Cumbria Health Scrutiny Variation Protocol

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