

Meeting:	Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate Council Meeting	
Date:	Monday 25th March 2024	
Time:	14:00-15:00	
Venue:	Via Teams	
Present:	Name:	Initials
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chris Welsh 2. Sue Cash 3. Seven Dykes 4. Tim Barton 5. Stephen Elsmere 6. Eric Kelly 7. David Warwicker 8. Ben Clark 9. Graham Walsh 10. Eki Emovon 11. Karen Perring 12. Christopher Scott 13. Kirt Patel 14. Willy Pillay 	CW SC SD TB SE EK DW BC GW EE KP CS KP WP
In Attendance:	Kay Marshall (Project Support)	KM
Apologies:	Name:	Initials
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rukhsana Hussain 2. Tony Alcock 3. Nabeel Alsindi 4. Christopher Caddy 5. Kev Smith 	RH TA NA CC KS

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1.	INTRODUCTION	Lead	Enclosure
1.1	Welcome and Apologies		
	CW	CW	
1.2	Declaration of Interest		
	None noted.	ALL	
1.3	Minutes of previous meeting		
	Minutes of previous meeting (30 th January 2024) accepted.	ALL	
1.4	Matters arising		
	A Senate Development event was held on 6th March with a large number of attendees and excellent input from presenters.	ALL	

	<p>In particular, the presentation from Prof John Browne from University of Cork regarding the evidence base of hospital reconfigurations may be of interest to Senate members.</p> <p>A link to the event for those who were unable to join can be found here: North of England Clinical Senates' Development Session (6th March 2024) :: North West Clinical Senate (nwcsenate.nhs.uk)</p> <p>BC updated the group that there was a suggestion raised at the recent Northern England Clinical Senate Council meeting that Prof Browne could be invited back to do a smaller session for the NEY region involving clinical leaders who had led local service reconfigurations (and those just embarking on service change programmes) and some senate council members to reflect on lessons learned from local experience and how this may support future change programmes.</p> <p>This idea will be discussed at the Northern Senate Managers meeting on 2nd May.</p>		
2.	AGENDA ITEMS		
	<p>2.1 Tim Barton – presentation on the new ministerial powers in relation to the service reconfiguration process</p> <p>Tim Barton from the NHS England, NEY Region Strategy and Transformation team gave a presentation to the group on the changes to ministerial powers in relation to the review of service reconfigurations.</p> <p>The presentation given by TB is distributed with the minutes but the following areas were highlighted during discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two main routes to challenge service changes (Judicial Review and Secretary of State referral), both of which could build in significant delays and take up a lot of time and resource. • With effect from 31 January 2024 there are three new powers for a referral to Secretary of State relating to service reconfiguration. • Route of challenge is to submit a form to DHSC 	<p>TB</p>	

	<p>who will use the form to triage requests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From February call in powers can be made by anyone (no exclusions, including out of area, SoS and media) at any stage and multiple requests by the same service change. • Role of NHSE NE&Y support to systems – has to have been some evidenced attempt for local resolution prior to call-in. • No obligation to notify of temporary changes unless in place for a number of years. Will only take effect when temporary changes become permanent. <p>TB and his NHSE NEY colleague Jill Simpson are working closely with systems to support and advise and try to mitigate any risk of successful challenge.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Senate reflect on the implications and call-in criteria, particularly whether it is in the best interests of local health services and the impact on quality and safety and patient experience.</p> <p>CW thanked TB for his comprehensive presentation, outlining that there are multiple challenges associated with the review and scrutiny of service changes but noted that fundamentally, senate reports will have still have the same impact under these new powers as long as consideration is given to the changes.</p> <p>BC informed that the same discussion had taken place at the recent NE Senate meeting which led to discussion from members on the potential to create a more nuanced senate offer to commissioners to support their process at earlier stages in development. Suggest a group of Senates nationally could pull together a short report on the criteria and level of clinical engagement and process around this. This is something that may be discussed at the next National Senate Chairs meeting.</p> <p>TB confirmed the need to think about how the Senate might respond with some informal advice when challenges are now to come much earlier, and how this can be documented.</p> <p>CW added, previously we have had early engagement and provided a letter, as opposed to a full report, advising the need to ensure there has been</p>		
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		consultation with all staff affected and the public		
	2.2	National Update The next national event is on 15 th May when Senate Chairs will meet with Prof Steven Powys, National Medical Director of NHSE. CW will feed back after the meeting about how they were answered.	CW	
	2.3	Northern England Senate-led Projects No new projects at this time.		
	2.4	Northern England Senate-related Projects No new projects at this time.		
	2.5	Reconfiguration report for information. Circulated with Agenda.		
3.	STANDING ITEMS			
	3.1	Any Other Business The next development day for members of the Clinical Senate Councils will be face-to-face on Thursday 20th June 2024. The event will be held from 9.30am arrival / 10.00am start with a 4.15pm close at the Clayton Hotel, Sweet Street, Leeds, LS11 9AT. There are limited places available and therefore early registration is recommended. Please click the link below for more information, which includes a draft agenda and registration details. North of England Clinical Senates' Joint Development Day June 2024 :: North West Clinical Senate (nwcsenate.nhs.uk)		
	3.2	Next meeting Wednesday 29 th May 2024 via Teams		
4.	MEETING CLOSE			