

Meeting:	Northern Clinical Senate Council Meeting	
Date:	Wednesday 20th November 2024	
Time:	17:00 – 18:30	
Venue:	The Durham Centre	
Present:	Name:	Initials
	Andrew Cant – Chair Ben Clark Robin Mitchell John Bourke Sam Bethapudi Neil Halford Raj Khanna	AC BC RM JB SB NH RK
In Attendance:	Kay Marshall (Project Support)	KM
Apologies:	Name:	Initials
	Lesley Kay Lesley Durham Katie Elliott Gerry Stansby Jean MacLeod Jeremy Rushmer Gareth Hosie Mike Jones Jonathan Slade Barry Slater Paul Goldsmith Fiona McEvoy Neil O'Brien	LK LD KE GS JMc JR GH MJ JS BS PG FMc NO

MINUTES

1.	INTRODUCTION	Lead	Enclosure
	1.1 Welcome and Apologies		
	AC Welcomed everyone and apologies were noted as above.	AC	
	1.2 Declaration of Interest		
	None declared.	ALL	
	1.3 Minutes of previous meeting		
	Minutes of previous meeting (17 th September 2024) were agreed as a true copy.	ALL	
	1.4 Matters arising / actions from previous minutes		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to add. 	AC	
2.	AGENDA ITEMS		

	<p>2.1 Future Senate Council Arrangements</p> <p>BC set out that this would be the last meeting of the Yorkshire & Humber Clinical Senate with all future business being conducted from the 1st January 2025 being undertaken as part of the new North East & Yorkshire (NEY) Clinical Senate. As such, the future arrangements for the new NEY Clinical Senate will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Chair & Vice Chairs. AC as Chair for the NEY Clinical Senate will be supported by two Vice Chairs – one from each of the previous clinical senate councils to ensure organisational memory and representation. The incumbent Vice Chairs Dr Lesley Kay (NE Clinical Senate) and Mr Kirtik Patel (YH Clinical Senate) were approached and have kindly agreed to accept the new Vice Chair roles.</p> <p>Management & Administration. Clinical Senate management and administrative support will remain unchanged with Jeanette Unwin to continue as Senate Manager and Kay Marshall as Project Support.</p> <p>Meeting Structure. The NEY Clinical Senate will continue to meet once every two months with all council meetings to be held virtually via MS Teams. Previously the NE Clinical Senate met on an evening (17:00 – 18:30) whilst the YH Clinical Senate met during the day (usually 14:00 – 15:00). To reflect this, the meeting schedule for 2025 will alternate between an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting with an evaluation of attendance taken later in the year to see which option resulted in the best level of attendance. These meeting will take place on different days of the week (between Mondays and Tuesdays) to try and enable clinicians with standing clinical commitments on a specific weekday the opportunity to attend some meetings throughout the year.</p> <p>AC asked for council member views on this proposal with feedback being that this seems pragmatic with members willing to try it and then see how it evaluates later in 2025.</p>	<p>AC/BC</p>	
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<p>2.2</p>	<p>National Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord Darzi Review – Key messages. <p>BC explained the changes NHS engagement process, which aims to develop a 10-year health plan through public and staff engagement, focusing on addressing health inequalities.</p> <p>This is divided into three stages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of the state of the current NHS conducted by Lord Darzi report that was published in September 2024 2. The engagement phase (currently underway) known as Change NHS. 11 advisory groups are being set up to support development of the plan in response to the Darzi report. 7 Enabler groups and 4 Vision groups have been established to help steer the work with each group co-chaired by someone from DHSC/NHSE and an independent co-Chair. Vision groups must report back by Christmas and enabler groups by February. More information on this can be found here https://change.nhs.uk/en-GB/ 3. Publication of the 10 Year Plan in Spring 2025. <p>One of the NEY Regional Events had taken place in NENC (at South Tees Hospital NHS FT) on the 16th November with NHSE CEO Amanda Pritchard and SoS Wes Streeting in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Senate Chairs meeting – held virtually on 4th November. <p>AC gave feedback on the recent National Senate Chairs meeting. The main items of discussion on the agenda were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sir James (Jim) Mackie (JMc), CEO of The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, previously CEO of Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT, CEO of NHS Improvement and National Director for Elective Recovery for NHS England. JMc gave a presentation to the senate chairs on his views of service reconfiguration based on his experiences in Northumbria (which saw the creation of a specialist Emergency Hospital within the trust) and Cumbria. 2) Prof John Brown (JB) was in attendance to present on the evidence base (or lack of it) for service reconfigurations / centralisation. The importance of clear and honest reasons for reconfiguration and genuine public consultation was emphasized. 		
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	2.3	Northern England Senate-led Projects		
		The new NEY Clinical Senate is expecting referrals from the NW Clinical Senate in January 2025. Members will be updated as more information on the scope and scale of these reviews are known.	BC	
	2.4	Northern England Senate-related Projects		
		No update this month	BC	
	2.5	October reconfiguration report for information		
		The October report was circulated with the agenda. The November 2024 report will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.	BC	
3.	STANDING ITEMS			
	3.1	Any Other Business		
		<p>There will be an update of the two clinical senate websites in the New Year with them being brought together as a single website. A new single email address for the clinical senates has also been created: england.ney.clinicalsenate@nhs.net</p> <p>AC thanked everyone for tremendous work done in the NENC Senate over the last decade citing many examples of good work to look back on.</p> <p>AC will also thank The Durham Centre who have looked after the senate council very well over years.</p>		
	3.2	Next meeting		
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4.	MEETING CLOSE			