



## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 31 March 2021  
via Zoom

### Present:

Peter Bower (PB) Chair	Ged Dixon (GD) Director
Arthur McKean (AMc) Director	Shobha Srivastava (SS) Director
Margaret Adams (MA) Director	
Joy Curry (JC) Director	Sheila Scott (SSc) HWST Manager
	Tara Johnson (TJ) HWST Team
	(minute taker)

### In attendance:

Kate Hudson, Chief Finance Officer/Chief Officer, South Tyneside CCG  
Lynsey Finlayson and Andrew Trotter, XL Health  
Lynn Crutwell

Agenda Item		Actions
1	<p><b><u>Welcome and apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted from Vicki Pattinson and Marilyn Stidolph.</p> <p>PB went round the room and attendees introduced themselves.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Kate Hudson, Chief Finance Officer and Chief Officer, South Tyneside CCG</u></b></p> <p>Kate gave a presentation on the CCG Overview and priorities 2021/22 (presentation attached for information).</p> <p>The vision is to work collaboratively across South Tyneside to improve health and commission excellent health care, supported by 3 key strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ People are able to take greater responsibility for their own health</li> <li>➤ People are able to stay well in their own homes and communities</li> <li>➤ People receive timely and appropriate complex care</li> </ul> <p>JC commented on slide 12, the NHS Staff Survey which she thought was excellent.</p> <p>MA said she was pleased with the progress the Alliance has made.</p> <p>PB thanked Kate for attending HWST AGM.</p>	

3	<p><b><u>To Receive Healthwatch South Tyneside’s Annual Report and Accounts for 2019-2020:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Chair’s Report</u></b></p> <p>PB introduced his report and asked the meeting to observe a minutes silence to remember the lives lost due to Covid-19.</p> <p>He thanked the Board, staff and volunteers who have worked hard during a very difficult year. He also thanked HWST partners for their hard work during a challenging time.</p> <p><b><u>Annual Accounts</u></b></p> <p>GD gave an overview stating HWST were in a good financial position. It would be good to see extra income generated next year.</p> <p><b><u>Highlights and Priorities from the Annual Report</u></b></p> <p>SS went over the priorities for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of Covid-19 on planned and routine services</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Palliative and End of Life Care</li> <li>• Path to Excellence Phase Two Programme</li> <li>• Raising the profile of the health needs of our BAME communities</li> </ul> <p>The Annual Report and Accounts were formally adopted by the Board members.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Appointment of Accountants</u></b></p> <p>The Board members agreed to reappoint <b>Quantum Accountancy Services Ltd</b> as Healthwatch South Tyneside’s accountants.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Any other Business</u></b></p> <p>PB thanked everyone for their attendance and continued hard work and support of HWST and looked forward to seeing what the next year would bring with key partners.</p> <p>MA thanked PB for his Chairmanship.</p>	
8	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</b> 27 October 2021 (AGM)</p>	