

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

Update on the status of the Joint Committee of North West London Clinical Commissioning Groups

Summary	This document gives an overview of the current status of the Joint Committee of North West London CCGs correct as of 23.11.2018
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Progress to date

The North West London Collaboration of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) established a Joint Committee. The committee has been meeting in “shadow” (i.e. trial) format since February 2018.

The September round of governing body meetings featured a series of items presented to each of the North West London CCGs for consideration known collectively as the “governance products”. These included terms of reference of the Joint Committee (Appendix 1) and a proposed new harmonised constitution. It also included terms of reference of other joint or in-common committees and a Memorandum of Understanding.

The governance products were all agreed and the harmonised constitutions were recommended to the respective memberships (ie the GP practices). The constitutions provide a solid foundation for the collaborative arrangements and all CCGs voted decisively and overwhelmingly in favour of adopting them at subsequent votes.

Next steps

NHS England ratification process

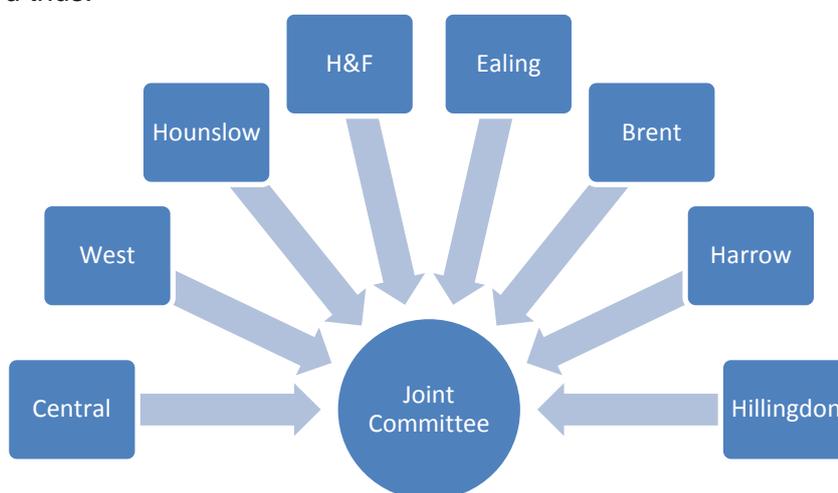
Before the harmonised constitutions become legal, NHS England has to ratify them which we expect to happen in late November 2018. Following this, the North West London Collaboration of CCGs' Joint Committee will be able to move out of "shadow" operations and will become a fully-fledged, decision-making committee.

Meetings

The Committee will meet on the first Thursday of every month (with the exception of January and August). Papers are circulated one week in advance, and will be reported to subsequent governing body meetings which will now take place quarterly. The committee meets in public and meetings are live-streamed online.

Governance structure

It should be noted that the Joint Committee, once in operation, will remain a committee of the each of governing bodies, with CCGs retaining their statutory duties. The Joint Committee's powers are conferred via delegation, and the relationship between the two can be visualised thus:



[DESCRIPTION: A diagram showing the Joint Committee in the centre, surrounded by each individual CCG, with an arrow from each one pointing inward to the Joint Committee]

Other committees of NW London, such as the Finance Committee and the Quality & Performance Committee, whilst being committees of the governing bodies, will report to the Joint Committee on relevant matters such as the NW London financial recovery plan or Winter Planning.

Relationship with the JHOSC

As many of the items that the Joint Committee has considered or will be considering bear similarity with the work programme of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is observed that there is potential and scope to align the work of the Joint Committee with that of the JHOSC.