

Subject:	Constitution Changes
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Purpose of Paper:	For noting
Executive Summary:	
<p>The attached Constitution highlights in red the proposed changes that have been widely consulted on and agreed by member practices. These changes have now been submitted to NHS England by their deadline 6 January.</p> <p>Key changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to member practices; • Addition of Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Strategic Objectives; • Replacing Executive Committee with Clinical Executive Committee (CLEX); • Establishing a Finance & Performance Committee and a Conflicts of Interest Committee; • Minor changes to other Committee Terms of Reference; • Addition of NHS England model wording for joint commissioning arrangements in Section 6; • Changes to Appendix D – The Scheme of Reservation & Delegation; • Changes to quoracy of Council of Members; • Minor changes to the Nolan Principles. <p>Impacting on the Constitution is the approach to Primary Care Co-Commissioning, reflected by the model wording in Section 6. West Norfolk CCG is opting for “greater involvement in primary care decision making” and is already working closely with the NHS England Area Team to ensure that decisions taken about healthcare services are strategically aligned across the local health economy and to support the CCG’s duty to improve the quality of primary medical care. No new governance arrangements are required for this option, although the CCG continues to refine its approach to managing conflicts of interest.</p>	
KEY RISKS	
Clinical: None	
Finance and Performance: The Constitution outlines the governance of financial management and performance against statutory duties. A new Finance & Performance Committee is proposed to provide further scrutiny of CCG processes.	
Impact Assessment (environmental and equalities): No impact	
Reputation: A robust Constitution helps to mitigate against reputational risk.	
Legal: The Constitution outlines how the CCG ensures compliance with statutory duties.	
Patient focus (if appropriate): None	
Reference to relevant Governing Body Assurance Framework: 3.3	
RECOMMENDATION:	
The Governing Body is asked to note the proposed constitution changes submitted to NHS England.	