

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND ICB SUB-COMMITTEE

12 September 2023

<b>Title:</b> HWB Membership	
<b>Report of the Chief Executive</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> None	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Summary</b>	
<p>The membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is partly prescribed by statute and partly by local choice. Part 2, Chapter 7 of the Council Constitution sets out the HWB membership which currently includes two representatives of the Barking and Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust (BHRUT), who are Ann Hepworth, Director of Strategy and Partnerships, and Kathryn Halford, Chief Nurse.</p> <p>In view of the patient flows from Barking and Dagenham to Newham University Hospital (NUH), it has been proposed that one of the BHRUT places is reallocated to NUH. Kathryn Halford has offered to step down from the HWB to facilitate that arrangement and Simon Ashton, NUH Chief Executive Officer, has been nominated to take up the seat.</p> <p>An approach has also been received from Andrea St. Croix, Cambridge House's Independent NHS Complaints Advocate for Barking and Dagenham, to be involved in the HWB/ICB Sub-Committee. A contract for advocacy services was awarded to Cambridge House effective from 1 July 2023 and the Independent NHS Complaints Advocate's role is to help individuals make a complaint about the NHS, covering most NHS-funded treatment and includes NHS hospitals, GP's, Ambulance Services, District Nurses, Mental Health Services, Dentists, Pharmacists or Opticians. In view of the contribution that the local Independent NHS Complaints Advocate could provide and following consultation with the Director of Public Health, it is proposed that the Advocate be given 'Standing Invited Guest' status on the HWB, which is a non-voting role.</p> <p>The membership arrangements in the Council Constitution confirm that the HWB has the power to amend its membership, subject to a 75% majority of HWB members present voting in favour and the amendments being reported to the Council's Assembly.</p>	

<p><b>Recommendation(s)</b></p> <p>The HWB is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Approve the reallocation of one of the two BHRUT seats on the Board to NUH and note that Simon Ashton, Chief Executive Officer at NUH, has been nominated to take up the seat;</li><li>(ii) Agree that the Independent NHS Complaints Advocate for Barking and Dagenham be given 'Standing Invited Guest' status on the HWB; and</li><li>(iii) Note that the appropriate amendments to Part 2, Chapter 7 of the Council Constitution shall be reported to the next meeting of the Assembly.</li></ul> <p>The ICB Sub-Committee is recommended to note the report.</p>
<p><b>Reason(s)</b></p> <p>To accord with the requirements of the Council Constitution.</p>

## 1. Financial Implications

Implications completed by Katherine Heffernan, Head of Service Finance

- 1.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## 2. Legal Implications

Implications completed by Dr Paul Feild, Senior Governance Lawyer

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) was established by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and its membership and terms of reference are set out in Part 2, Chapter 7 of the Council Constitution (<https://modgov.lbbd.gov.uk/Internet/documents/s161831/Pt%202%20Ch%207%20-%20HWBB%20May23.pdf>). The said legislation sets out the core membership of this committee; this is coupled with the power for the HWB to make appointments as it thinks appropriate and for the Council's Assembly to make additional appointments in consultation with the HWB.

**Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:** None

**List of appendices:** None