

The role of the Governing Body

NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group's Governing Body has statutory responsibility for:

- ensuring that the CCG has appropriate arrangements in place to exercise its functions effectively, efficiently and economically and in accordance with the CCG's principles of good governance (its main function); and for
- determining the remuneration, fees and other allowances payable to employees or other persons providing services to the CCG and the allowances payable under any pension scheme established.

Other than the authority reserved to the membership as a whole and that which has been delegated to or is the mandated responsibility of other Committees, such as the Membership Senate and Primary (General Medical) Care Commissioning Committee, or key individuals, the Membership has delegated authority and responsibility to the Governing Body of the CCG to oversee all CCG business.

These delegations are set out in the CCGs Scheme of Reservation and Delegation, and include but not limited to:

- leading and approving the group's vision and values
- formulating and approving annual commissioning and financial plans
- approving the CCGs overarching Scheme of Reservation and Delegation
- monitoring and regularly reporting on performance against delivery of the annual Commissioning and Financial Plans
- publishing the group's annual report and annual accounts
- securing the commissioning and procurement of services in line with the annual plan and or discharging responsibilities set by NHS England mandate
- ensuring effective financial management and reporting within the CCG allocated budget, including any appropriate risk sharing arrangements
- overseeing risk assessment and securing assurance actions to mitigate identified strategic risks
- ensuring good governance and leading a culture of good governance
- throughout the CCG
- responsibility for organisational development, including appointment of permanent staff, clinical leadership and Governing Body members
- approving the appointment of Governing Body members other than that of the GP Chair and GP representatives on the Governing Body

- considering any case for change that may result in the Governing Body seeking approval from the CCGs membership for any application by the group to NHS England to enter into a merger, separation or dissolution.
- developing a framework for assurance of service quality provided by contracted providers and the approach to ensure continuous improvement
- promoting a culture of strong stakeholder engagement (public, communities, patients, carers and partners) and any consultation arrangements.
- ensuring the CCG meets its public sector equality duty having regard to the need to reduce health inequalities
- promoting research
- promoting education and training
- promoting integration of health and care services where this would improve quality or reduce inequalities and offer best value for money.