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HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
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Agenda Item:

Subject:

**Adherence to Evidence Based
Medicine**

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Enfield CCG (ECCG) wants to secure the greatest health impact it can with its resources by adhering as closely as possible to the clinical evidence base including that published by NICE (the National Institute for Health & Care Excellence). Through this we will not only ensure the best possible outcomes for the population we serve and the best outcome for individual patients but also that we obtain the best value from the services we commission.

There is considerable national and international evidence that many procedures offered routinely by the NHS are of limited clinical benefit to patients. These Procedures of Limited Clinical Effectiveness (PoLCEs) therefore need to be carefully considered and matched to the best available clinical advice to ensure that they deliver the expected outcomes. Any referral of an individual needs equally carefully to consider the risk and benefits to that particular patient. Enfield CCG, along with the other CCGs in North Central London, have adopted common PoLCE policies and these are all available to the public on the CCG's website.

The CCG's Governing Body has initiated a programme called 'Adherence to Evidence Based Medicine' (AEBM) Programme involving reviewing the:

- Evidence base, thresholds and criteria for access to treatments currently contained in the North Central London PoLCE policies
- Clinical evidence in support of adopting new policies for procedures where the evidence supports the adoption of thresholds and criteria

The programme is fully described in the accompanying paper.

This will help to ensure that we are delivering the greatest health benefit for our population as a whole with the finite resources available to the CCG and the greatest benefit for individual patients.

Clinical Leaders at the CCG, with the full support of the Governing Body, are leading this evidence review. The CCG has sought the Director of Public Health's advice and

support to this review process. The CCG will engage widely and in close consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Health Work Stream, will determine the nature of the consultation process appropriate to the programme. The CCG also continues to communicate closely with partner CCGs and providers in North Central London about this programme and about the implications for the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. It is notable that several CCGs across the country are engaged in similar reviews.

It is important to note that no part of the programme concerns either urgent or emergency procedures or the two week pathway for potential cancer (what is termed the 'Two Week Wait').

The CCG plans subject to the outcome of its engagement and consultation and decision making by North Central London partners, to introduce any changes resulting from the programme from 1st April 2017.

Next Steps:

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- Completion of the Evidence reviews to prepare specific proposals
- Close communication with North Central London partners
- Formal engagement with key stakeholders including patients and the public, Healthwatch, member practices, clinical colleagues in secondary care
- Discussions with the Scrutiny Health Work Stream on the precise nature of the consultation process

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health & Wellbeing Board is invited to:

- Comment on the proposed programme
- Discuss the proposed engagement, consultation and implementation timeline
- Support the approach being taken and/or suggest revisions to the approach