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Chair of West Norfolk CCG wishes patients healthy futures as he steps down from role

The date of the merger of the NHS Norfolk and Waveney clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and the formation of the new single CCG is nearly upon us. My last day as Chair of West Norfolk CCG is 31 March. The new CCG's west locality team is up and running under our locality director Howard Martin and I will be chairing the last West Norfolk CCG Governing Body meeting on Thursday, 26 March at the West Norfolk Deaf Association building in Railway Road, King's Lynn, at 9-15am.

I will be sad to say good-bye to West Norfolk CCG. I think it has done an excellent job in focussing on the health issues facing the population, and the problems faced by healthcare providers, in west Norfolk. During its tenure West Norfolk CCG has been able to give local support to healthcare providers and has had a greater understanding of the different needs of people living in the west of the county.

Those lessons and ways of working will now be continued as the new CCG will have a locality focus, with specific teams based in key geographic areas, including the west. This will give each area a voice and a dedicated workforce to ensure they can focus on local issues.

Each locality has a Local Delivery Group (LDG) as part of the work to transform health and care services locally. This group is represented by all the providers of healthcare in the area, including voluntary sector organisations and primary care. It also has patient representation and involves social care providers and in the west, the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, which is responsible for so many local services and initiatives. The West Norfolk LDG is an especially vibrant and energised group in which each organisation wants to help the others to deliver the best care possible so we can continue to drive down health inequalities and new ways of working in west Norfolk.

We have supported the new executive team at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn to deliver improvements following challenging Care Quality Commission (CQC) reports in the last two years. That is bearing fruit as there have been some very noticeable improvements at the Trust which we will hear more about at our next Governing Body meeting.

The novel coronavirus continues to receive much attention in the media. A national campaign is underway to promote key public health advice and I would encourage you to look out for these messages and follow the guidance, particularly in regard to hand washing. Do call NHS 111 if you are concerned about your health and please don't visit your GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy if you think you might have symptoms of the virus. You can find out more information about the novel coronavirus on the [Government](#) and [NHS](#) websites.

I have attached two national campaign posters are attached which we would be grateful for your help to promote locally.

So I will sign off my final blog and wish you all healthy futures. Good-bye from West Norfolk CCG.

Dr Paul Williams

Chair

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