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Dear colleague,

Call for Nominations to CCG Governing Body

We are looking for well-respected and forward-thinking GPs who are passionate about ensuring we have sustainable health care for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to stand for nomination as members of our Governing Body.

Following the last nominations process Dr Adnan Tariq, a GP partner in Peterborough, and Dr Susan Barrow, a GP in Wisbech, have both joined the Governing Body as GP members. We have one GP member role vacant and we are inviting local GPs to consider putting themselves forward.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group is one of the largest CCGs in the country. We have 104 GP practices as members, a patient population of 950,000 and a budget of over £1billion.

As you may know, our Chief Officer, Tracy Dowling, will be joining Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) as Chief Executive at the end of the summer. From the start of August the following interim arrangements will be in place:

- Jonathan Dunk, Chief Finance Officer, will act up into the Chief Officer (Accountable Officer) role for a period of six months.
- Lesley Macleod, Turnaround Director, will take on the additional role of Chief Finance Officer for that period.

There will be a formal process over the summer to recruit for a permanent appointment to the Chief Officer role.

Our area has a growing and an aging population with significant health inequalities. We also know that NHS resources are limited. This will mean we have to make some difficult decisions about how best to use our resources and what services we commission. We need to do this with strong clinical representation on our Governing Body.

We also have some exciting opportunities which we need to take full advantage of. The recent Five Year Forward View for General Practice and the development of our local GPFV strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough set out the opportunities for supporting and transforming general practice. Our system-wide Sustainability and Transformation Plan has

the commitment of all the NHS organisations in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, as well as local authorities, to deliver high quality, integrated care that meets the needs of patients.

Our Governing Body has a GP Chair plus eight other GPs who work with our Executive Directors to deliver the CCG's priorities. This ensures that we have a strong clinical voice in our decision-making.

All GPs - locums, salaried GPs, and partners - working in our Clinical Commissioning Group's area, and on the performers' list, are eligible to stand for election. We would like to see the Governing Body represent the diverse nature of the population and our geographical area.

Number of GP posts up for election:

- One GP representatives on our CCG Governing Body.

Length of tenure:

- The period of tenure for all posts up for election in 2017 will be three years (to 2020).

The nominations and subsequent elections will be administered by the CCG, working with the Cambridgeshire LMC, as per our Constitution which sets out that **“Member Practices will elect GP representatives to the Governing Body from across the CCG's area using a fair and open process agreed with the Cambridgeshire Local Medical Committee”**.

Interested parties should complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the LMC by **5pm on Friday 21 July 2017**. We would prefer nominations to be returned electronically and they must include a photograph. If an election is required, this will be held during the week commencing 24 July 2017.

Included in this pack is a nomination form and an information pack. All the materials can be downloaded from www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/health-professionals/news-and-events/latest-news/gp-elections-2017/

If you have any queries on the nomination or election process please contact Sharon Fox, CCG Secretary, by telephone on 07506 867495 or by email on sharon.fox3@nhs.net

Standing for election gives you the chance to be involved in governing the organisation and developing plans for the future. So please do consider standing for election as it is your chance to shape how our CCG works and how we respond to the different health needs of our local populations.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Gary Howsam
Chair and Chief Clinical Officer