

**NHS Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group  
Governing Body  
Public Forum Session**

**14 May 2015, 9.00-9.30am**

**From the Governing Body:**

Dr Marc Rowland, CCG Chair  
Diana Robbins, Lay Member  
Martin Wilkinson, Chief Officer

**From the Clinical Commissioning Group:**

Susanna Masters, Corporate Director  
Charles Malcolm-Smith, Head of Strategy & Organisational Development  
Mark Drinkwater, Engagement Officer (notes)

**One member of the public attended.**

**Question 1**

What will be the membership of the Committee in Common (CiC), and has there been consultation of the wider membership about CiC?

**CCG response**

*The Committee in Common (CiC) will be made up of representatives from the governing body. Those representatives are intended to reflect different aspects of the governing body. For instance, it is likely include a clinician, an officer and a lay member. Other relevant individuals will be invited to attend. For instance, a representative from the local Healthwatch could also attend in an observing capacity. There has been consultation with the CCG membership. There have also been some bespoke neighbourhood meetings. They have agreed to the establishment of the CiC. It is recognised that the clinical and lay perspectives need to be reflected in the Lewisham representatives.*

**Question 2**

Will the public be able to attend CiC meetings or will they be excluded?

**CCG Response**

*There will be public involvement in the process leading up to the decision point. The public will have a voice in the process through engagement activities and/or any consultations that take place. Meetings will be held in public. There is an acknowledgement that in the past there has been exceptional occasions when other local bodies have had to exclude members of the public, for instance for reasons relating to public order.*

### Question 3

Why is it that a majority is required on voting, rather than unanimity and what happens if a representative is unable to attend?

#### CCG response

*The importance for the CCG was to ensure that there was unanimity across CCGs so that one CCG could not be outvoted by other CCGs. Majority voting was to ensure one individual did not hold a veto over a decision, whilst maintaining safeguards around decision-making and that it would represent the views of membership and governing body, as discussions would have been held ahead of a CiC meeting.*

*A system will be implemented where each of the representatives have a deputy. There will also be opportunities for specialists to be in attendance, who are able to advise. The CCG is aware that other models have been implemented in other parts of London. These models often do not reflect their local populations. Lewisham CCG has opted for a less-hierarchical and more cooperative model in its work across South East London.*