


Item Number: 12	
Name of Presenter: Rachel Potts	
Meeting of the Governing Body 5 January 2017	
Whistleblowing Policy COR12	
Purpose of Report For Approval	
<p>Rationale</p> <p>Further to Sir Robert Francis's report "Freedom to speak up in the NHS", NHS England and NHS Improvement issued a new Whistleblowing Policy to promote a more open and supportive culture to encourage NHS staff to raise any issues of patient care quality or safety.</p> <p>The CCG's current Whistleblowing Policy has been reviewed in line with the NHS England / NHS Improvement Policy and the guidance published in April 2016 - 'Freedom to speak up : raising concerns(whistleblowing) policy for the NHS' . https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/freedom-to-speak-up-whistleblowing-policy-for-the-nhs/ to provide a clearer and more robust process for staff to raise any concerns.</p> <p>All references to the Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning Support have been removed and amended to eMBED Health Consortium where appropriate.</p> <p>The Whistleblowing Policy has been cross referenced against the CCG's Business Conduct Policy (COR1a) and duplicate appendices removed to ensure consistency and accuracy when updates are made.</p> <p>References to the Chief Clinical Officer have been replaced with Accountable Officer.</p> <p>The Audit Committee reviewed the attached policy at its meeting on 5 December 2016.</p>	
Strategic Priority Links	
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Care/ Integrated Care <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Care/ Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Care <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Vulnerable People	
Local Authority Area	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCG Footprint <input type="checkbox"/> East Riding of Yorkshire Council <input type="checkbox"/> City of York Council <input type="checkbox"/> North Yorkshire County Council	

Impacts/ Key Risks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equalities	Covalent Risk Reference G.17.01 : The organisation's governance structures are not efficient and effective.
Recommendations <p>The Governing Body is asked to approve the amended Whistleblowing Policy as recommended by the Audit Committee.</p>	

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Annex

The Whistleblowing Policy is attached for Governing Body members and available at <http://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/about-us/governing-body-meetings/>