

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

POSSIBLE COST CONTAINMENT IN THE TRUST

INTRODUCTION

A copy of a letter to the Chairman from Mr Venables, Public governor, dated 23rd June 2010 is attached. Mr Venables raises a specific concern about the number of committees engaged in infection prevention and control and hence the amount of time, effort and cost involved in sustaining the associated volume of paperwork.

Mrs Palmer, Director – Quality & Effectiveness, has advised that a significant proportion of the work arises from the separate regulatory burdens imposed by the Care Quality Commission, Department of Health and NHS Litigation Authority, in terms of the requirements not only for policies but also for auditable, documented evidence that those policies are embedded in day to day practice across the Trust.

RECOMMENDATION

To consider the letter and comment accordingly.

Steven Reed
Trust Secretary
9th July 2010