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To East of England:

Clinical Commissioning Groups: Accountable/Chief Clinical Officers, Medical Directors & Directors of Nursing
NHS Trust, NHS Foundation Trust & other NHS providers: Chief Executives, Medical Directors & Directors of Nursing
NHS England Midlands and East (East) Medical Directors (for distribution to GPs, Dentists, Community Pharmacists and Optometrists)
Chief Officers of East of England LMCs

Dear Colleague

Invitation to apply to be a member of the East of England Clinical Senate Council

We would like to invite senior health professionals of all disciplines who are actively involved in health care delivery and able to command respect of clinical and non-clinical professionals to apply to take up a place on the East of England Clinical Senate Council.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this invitation widely across your organisation and networks to senior health professionals of all clinical disciplines.

Clinical Senates have been established to be a source of independent, strategic clinical advice to commissioners and other stakeholders to help them to make the best decisions about healthcare for the populations they represent.

Clinical Senates are a multi-disciplinary body with membership across the spectrum of health and social care where patient representatives also bring their voice and perspective through their membership. Senates are comprised of a core Clinical Senate Council and a wider Clinical Senate Assembly.

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The East of England Clinical Senate is uniquely placed within the healthcare system. We provide a clinical perspective that is independent to the services and structures under review, which uses the expertise of clinicians from across health and social care, and is able to understand the potential impact of proposals across our East of England geography. In the last year, East of England Clinical senate has undertaken around 25 clinical review panels looking at service change proposals ranging from large county wide transformational service change proposals to single service proposals across the East of England, to clinical proposals for mergers of trusts. Clinical Senate also looked at the provision of Interventional Radiology across the East of England; the report has been widely distributed.

We are looking to appoint senior health professionals to the clinical senate council. Clinical Senate Council members' role is described in full in the role description attached with this letter; further information about the clinical senate, its work and senate council can be found on our website at www.eoesenate.nhs.uk.

We aim to ensure that Council membership reflects a breadth of clinical expertise across care settings, clinical professions and the East of England geography. In appointing members to the Council, selection will be made firstly on the basis of prospective members' skills and expertise and secondly to ensure a sufficiently balanced group. The selection process will be open and transparent. Shortlisted candidates invited to attend an interview will be notified by 23rd June 2017, interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in Cambridge on the morning of 3rd July 2107.

Applications should include your name, contact details, role and employing organisation and be supported by a statement of no more than 800 words, including your professional background and areas of (clinical) interest and a statement of personal reflection on your reason for applying for membership and describing what you will bring to the Clinical Senate.

Applications should be submitted to england.eoeclinicalsenate@nhs.net by 5.00pm on Tuesday 13 June 2017, using 'Senate Council application' in the subject box. Interviews will be held on Monday 3rd July 2017.

Further information is available from:

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Brenda Allen, Clinical Senate Project Support Officer at brendaallen@nhs.net 0113 825 5055.

Yours sincerely



Dr Bernard Brett
Chairman, East of England Clinical Senate

Attached: Role description