

Healthwatch Board meeting  
19 September 2016  
Futures subgroup update - paper 3  
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Members of the Board are asked to:

- Note the contents of the report

The futures subgroup has met twice since the last board meeting. The June meeting was mainly concerned with the submission of a bid for the Healthwatch Newcastle tender, which was successful. The subgroup also met on 31 August.

Subgroup members discussed a number of issues relating to the setting up of Tell Us North CIC, the social enterprise that will deliver the Healthwatch Newcastle contract.

- Finance
  - The subgroup members agreed the providers of accountancy support and a bank account
  - Issues relating to the transfer of staff were discussed
- Human resources
  - A provider of HR support for the TUPE transfer of staff was agreed
  - There were discussions relating to future organisational staffing requirements, with particular focus on bringing Young Healthwatch support 'in-house' and on seeking to develop new income streams to create surplus to be reinvested into the work of Healthwatch Newcastle
- Organisational development
  - Subgroup members agreed that there was a clear need to review the business model, aims and objectives of the new organisation and there will be a development session in the autumn to do this