

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
ENGLAND**

The NHS Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group Directions 2016

The National Health Service Commissioning Board (“the Board”), in exercise of powers conferred by Section 14Z21 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012), gives the following Directions.

Citation, commencement and application

- (1) These Directions are given to NHS Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group (“Shropshire CCG”).
- (2) These Directions may be cited as the Shropshire CCG Directions 2016 and come into force on 4 April 2016.
- (3) These Directions apply until they are varied or revoked by the Board.

Appointment of the Accountable Officer

- (4) The Board directs that:
 - a. The Board shall determine the process to be followed to make an appointment to the position of Accountable Officer for Shropshire CCG:-
 - b. The appointment of the Accountable Officer and the terms of such appointment shall be subject to prior approval by the Board;
 - c. Shropshire CCG shall co-operate with the Board regarding the appointment of the Accountable Officer, including but not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board.

Appointment of Turnaround Director

- (5) The Board further directs that:
- a. the Board will determine the process to be followed to make an appointment to the position of Turnaround Director for Shropshire CCG;
 - b. the appointment of the Turnaround Director and the terms of such appointment will be subject to prior approval by the Board; and
 - c. Shropshire CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the appointment of its Turnaround Director, including but not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board.

Senior Appointments

- (6) The Board further directs that:
- a. Shropshire CCG will notify the Board of the need to make any appointments to its Executive Team or its next tier of management;
 - b. where it considers it necessary to do so, the Board will determine the process to be followed by Shropshire CCG in making any appointments under 6a.
 - c. the appointment of any person to a position referred to in paragraph 6a and the terms of such appointment will be subject to prior approval by the Board; and

Shropshire CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the appointment of any person in accordance with this paragraph 6, including but not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board

Exercise of functions

- (7) The Board directs that:

- a. Shropshire CCG will provide to the Board the completed capability and capacity review for approval by the Board (“Capability and Capacity Review”).
- b. Shropshire CCG develops an action plan to be known as the Capability and Capacity Action Plan which shall be approved by the Board and then:-
 - i. Implements the recommendations of the Capability and Capacity Action Plan in accordance with the Board’s instructions; and
 - ii. promptly provides any information, documents and records requested by the Board and makes senior officers available to meet with the Board to discuss the Capability and Capacity Action Plan.
- c. It may direct Shropshire CCG in any other matters relating to the Capability and Capacity Action Plan.

(8) The Board further directs that:

- a. Shropshire CCG will produce a credible financial recovery plan (“Financial Recovery Plan”) which includes but is not limited to:
 - i. how Shropshire CCG will operate within its annual budget for the financial year 2016/17 and how it will remain in recurrent balance thereafter;
 - ii. confirmation that all facts, figures and projections within the Financial Recovery Plan have been subjected to independent scrutiny by an organisation approved by the Board;
 - iii. a complete analysis of the causes of the current underlying financial position and the reasons for unexpected deterioration in the financial position;
 - iv. a demonstration of clear links to internal budgets, reporting, activity plans, cash plans and contracting;
 - v. a clear risk assessment of the Financial Recovery Plan; and
 - vi. any other requirements stipulated by the Board;
- b. the Financial Recovery Plan will be subject to the Board’s approval;
- c. Shropshire CCG will implement the Financial Recovery Plan;

- d. Shropshire CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan including but not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board to discuss the Financial Recovery Plan, the implementation and the progress of the same; and
- e. it may direct Shropshire CCG in any other matters relating to the Financial Recovery Plan.

Compliance with these Directions

- (9) The Board directs that Shropshire CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the Board's oversight of Shropshire CCG's compliance with these Directions, including but not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board.

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