

BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND

Title: Chief Executive's report

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Purpose of paper:

- This report highlights several significant events that have taken place since the last meeting of the Board and are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Key issues and recommendations:

- The month since the last Board meeting has seen progress on a number of fronts. We continue to follow up the 'Call to Action' with a significant programme of work and a series of further publications.

Actions required by Board Members:

- The Board is asked to note the report.

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Introduction

1. This report highlights several significant events that have taken place since the last meeting of the Board and are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Development of our strategy

2. The response to **A Call to Action** has been impressive since its publication in July. Over 250 local events involving clinicians, patients and public have been held across England to debate the future shape of services. Nationally we have also hosted a series of events on subjects such as prevention and parity of esteem between mental and physical health.
3. The planning guidance (**Everyone Counts: planning for patients 2014/15 to 2018/19**) published on 14 December drew on the strategy process to identify six characteristics of a high quality, sustainable health and care system. These six characteristics will be the basis of much of the strategy programme in 2014, and the planning process will be the platform for catalysing new care models that are more effective, more productive and fit for the future.
4. To support local health economies as they develop five-year plans, NHS England has been producing a suite of thought leadership products. These products are designed to help commissioners identify transformative options and to provoke early thinking about how they can be implemented. One of these, called **Commissioning for Prevention**, is already available. This is a guide on the commissioning of prevention programmes.
5. Three further discussion papers will be released early in 2014. The first will describe the discussions at the **NHS Futures Summit** held in November. It will outline a range of ambitious and potentially transformative options that local health economies may wish to consider as they develop their own strategies to meet future challenges. The second will develop options for how commissioners can drive **parity of esteem** between mental and physical health services through their five-year plans, drawing on an event held in Manchester in November. The third is an analysis called '**Anytown CCG**' which quantifies the quality and financial gap faced by different types of CCGs (urban, suburban and rural) and identifies a package of interventions that together can help close the gap.
6. To encourage the utilisation of these products, a series of webinars will be run in January and February aimed at both CSUs and CCGs. We will also be running strategic planning workshops across the country, which we piloted in Birmingham and Sunderland in late December. These workshops are intended to explain the requirements of the strategic planning process, and to introduce the templates and supporting tools that have been developed to help health systems develop and deliver their strategic plans. Workshop materials will be rolled out for Area Teams to run during January and February 2014.

Parliamentary committees

7. I gave evidence to two parliamentary committees in December. On 17 December, I gave to the Health Select Committee as part of its inquiry on public expenditure on health and social care. I gave evidence alongside the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health, Una O'Brien, Department of Health Permanent Secretary and other DH officials. Paul Baumann and I had previously given evidence to the committee in November as part of this inquiry. The committee was particularly interested to explore how the Better Care Fund will operate in 2015/16 and the implications for the NHS.
8. The following day I gave evidence to the Public Accounts Committee as part of its inquiry on emergency admissions to hospitals. The meeting was prompted by a National Audit Office report on this topic. I gave evidence alongside Sir Bruce Keogh, Dame Barbara Hakin and Richard Douglas (Director General, Finance, Department of Health).

Expo 2014

9. This year's Health and Care Expo will be held on 3 and 4 March in Manchester. It is the first year that NHS England has hosted the event and we are putting together an extensive programme to bring the health and care community together to focus on the renewal and transformation of the NHS.
10. The event will have a packed exhibition space and two main speaking stages - one of which will host short TED-style presentations. This year we are introducing a pop-up university, where delegates can register for learning sessions delivered by experts and peers, focusing on great innovations happening in health and care. We will be featuring Camp Expo, a new space where anyone will be able to present their examples of where they are already making improvements.
11. The event will showcase the latest innovations in technology, integration, participation and open data. The very latest in digital and social media in health will be presented. The NHS Leadership Academy will be offering workshop sessions, Academic Health Science Networks will be sharing their work and delegates will be able to see and hear more about patients online, digital participation and the NHS Citizens' Assembly.
12. Everyone is welcome and we are confident that there will be something new and meaningful for everyone attending. Our ambition is for people to come along and be inspired to go back to their own organisations where they will do something differently to contribute to improvement for our patients.
13. Further information is available online at www.expo.nhs.uk, where the full programme will be announced in the coming weeks.

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