

**BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND**

<b>Title:</b> Chief Executive's Report
<b>From:</b> Simon Stevens, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Purpose of Paper:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on the work of the Chief Executive over the last two months.</li><li>• Information on a number of NHS England priorities not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</li></ul>
<b>The Board is invited to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To note, and to discuss various items referred to herein.</li></ul>

**NHS England Chief Executive's Board Report  
NHS England Board – July 2015**

**1.0 UPDATE**

- 1.1 Since our last Board meeting I've been spending a significant proportion of my time out and about around the health service and talking to our key partners.
- 1.2 This has included visits to Wrightington Wigan & Leigh trust in Greater Manchester, Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals, Oxford University Hospitals, and mental health services in Hertfordshire. I've also been stepping up my direct engagement with CCG and NHS provider trust chief executives and chairs, as well as local government chief executives and leaders, including in the West Midlands, the North West and London.
- 1.3 I've spoken at the NHS Confederation Annual Conference in Liverpool, to the NHS Providers chairs and chief executives network, the Local Government Association annual conference in Harrogate, the Royal College of GPs event on strengthening GP services, the Royal College of Psychiatrists annual congress in Birmingham, the Community Hospitals Association annual conference in Manchester alongside Sarah Wollaston MP, and the CIPFA Annual Conference.
- 1.4 I've also spoken at the launch of the NHS Innovation Accelerator, to the BME network, to the current group NHS national management trainees, at an NHS Confederation event on the new Mental Health strategy, to the Care and Support Alliance on social care, for the Public Policy Projects at the Royal Society, the All Party Parliamentary Group on Health, 2020 Health's Parliamentary reception, and House Magazine's public service reform event, to the City Mental Health Alliance on the role of employers in positive mental health, to nurse leaders at a Nursing Times conference and to the Think Local Act Personal event on voluntary and third sector leadership, the National Information Board summit, at an event to mark Learning Disability Awareness Week in Leeds, the HSJ Provider Summit in Grantham, an NHS cancer care event for NHS staff and partners in Middlesbrough, to the Bio Industry Association, to the Cambridge Health Network technology roundtable, Integrated Personal Commissioning kick-off event at the Oval, to the Health Foundation's meeting of UK health service researchers and also to the Society of Academic Primary Care, and to doctors, medical students and other NHS staff at Birmingham University Medical School and Oxford University Medical School.
- 1.5 This week, Bruce Keogh, Jane Cummings and I appeared before the newly reconstituted Health Select Committee. I've also taken the chance to advance the NHS's public communications by appearing on the Andrew Marr Show, as well as various TV and print media interviews advocating for wider action on public health and prevention including on child obesity, as well as alongside Harpal Kumar setting out our new cancer taskforce strategy.
- 1.6 On 17 June 2015 NHS England also sponsored and organised the NHS's first official celebration of Windrush Day, marking the contribution that immigrant workers have made to the Health Service since 1948. It was a personal privilege to do so alongside Sam King, Windrush veteran from Jamaica, former mayor of Southwark, and co-founder of the Notting Hill Carnival.

**2.0 OTHER MATTERS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE BOARD AGENDA**

- 2.1 **Our Annual Report and Accounts** were laid before Parliament yesterday. Enormous thanks are due to Ed Smith, Paul Baumann, Karen Wheeler and many others for the effective way these have been completed.
- 2.2 **NHS National Leadership:** The Secretary of State announced last week the de facto combining of the leadership of Monitor and TDA under the chairmanship of Ed Smith, NHS

England Vice Chair, supported by Ara Darzi as a non executive director. These are both superb appointments, and I will update the board verbally on various other aspects of the changes under way to bring about greater national coherence and alignment in the shared leadership of the National Health Service.

- 2.3 **Seven Day Services:** Bruce and I took the opportunity to explain to the Health Select Committee that there are three separate issues that are being addressed here, and it is important not to confuse them, since the solutions to each of the three differ. First – the issue of excess inpatient mortality in hospitals at weekends; second – the need for integrated urgent and emergency out of hospital services throughout the week; and third – the desirability in principle of convenient routine access to primary care.
- 2.4 **Care Re-design:** Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard have now been selected and the first group will be announced on Friday. The first group of NHS-England part-funded pharmacists in General Practice were launched recently, with the aim of improving care and relieving workload and recruitment pressures in general practice.
- 2.5 Other matters for our public discussion are covered on the agenda or as ‘matters arising’.

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