

BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND

Title: Report of the Specialised Services Commissioning Committee to the Board.
Lead Director: Noel Gordon, Chair of Specialised Services Commissioning Committee.
Purpose of Paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none">To update the Board of the meeting of the Specialised Services Commissioning Committee on 8 September 2015.
The Board is invited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive assurance on the work of the Committee and accept the report for information.

NHS England Board – 24 September 2015

REPORT TO THE BOARD FROM: Specialised Services Commissioning Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Noel Gordon, Committee Chairman

DATE(S) OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 8 September 2015

1.0 MATTERS FOR THE BOARD'S ATTENTION

1.1 **Prioritisation Framework:** The Committee considered the process for making prioritisation decisions for new investments in specialised services for 2016-17 including the work underway to develop the prioritisation methodology, the clinical commissioning pipeline and joint working with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

2.0 ITEMS FOR THE BOARD'S INFORMATION AND ASSURANCE

2.1 **Hepatitis C:** The Committee learned of the work underway to assess the numbers of patients who were likely to come forward for treatment in 2016-17 and was briefed on a forthcoming stakeholder event with clinical leaders in September.

2.2 **Provider Derogation:** The majority of standards were compliant though further work was required to accelerate the adoption of e-Prescribing in the NHS.

2.3 **Ultra Orphan Drugs:** The Committee considered how it could improve the decision making processes for ultra orphan drugs.

2.4 **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services:** The Committee was assured by a number of improvements which had been made over the last two to three years and noted the work of the Mental Health Taskforce which was focusing on the areas which would make greatest difference to patients. The Taskforce will report to the Board in November 2015.

2.5 **New Care Models:** The Committee explored the role that the New Care Models could play in reforming specialised commissioning, in particular through the Acute Care Collaboration (ACC) model. The Committee will receive further updates as the ACC sites become more established.

3.0 PROGRESS AGAINST THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL WORK PLAN

3.1 The Committee is making good progress against its work plan and agreed topics for the next meeting in November 2015.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Board is invited to receive assurance on the work of the Committee on 08.09.15 and receive the Committee report for information.

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