

**BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND**

<b>Title:</b> NHS England Commissioning Committee Board Report
<b>Lead Director:</b> David Roberts, NHS England Non-Executive Director, Chair of Commissioning Committee
<b>Purpose of Paper:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To update the Board of the meeting of the Commissioning Committee on 13 November 2015.</li></ul>
<b>The Board is invited to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the content of the report and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 13 November 2015.</li></ul>

**REPORT TO THE BOARD FROM: Commissioning Committee**

**REPORT FROM: David Roberts, Commissioning Committee Chair**

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 13.11.2015**

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**SECTION 1 – MATTERS FOR THE BOARD’S ATTENTION**

1. The Committee discussed the commissioning strategy narrative, which describes the evolving commissioning landscape and sets out the enabling actions needed to support local areas implementing the *Five Year Forward View*. The Committee discussed the benefit of producing a number of scenarios describing the emerging landscape in different geographical areas, to enable local and national partners to work through and define the capabilities and supporting factors needed, and to collaboratively address barriers to transformation. The Committee agreed with this proposed next step, along with the proposal to develop a CCG roadmap for publication following the Spending Review (SR), setting out our vision for the system.
  
2. The Committee were then updated on progress of the New Care Models (NCM) programme’s work to deliver the *Five Year Forward View* through support for the implementation of locally developed, population based care models. In discussion, the Committee noted the importance of a united message from the NHS and Department of Health leadership: a clear, consistent, positive message to the vanguards that we believe this will deliver improved patient outcomes and better, more efficient services. The Committee agreed that the senior leadership should demonstrate clear commitment to the NCM programme to help ensure the models embed and spread across the sector.
  
3. In discussion of the primary care update, the Committee noted the expected timescales for contract negotiations, including that they were unlikely to conclude before the SR, and that while NHS England will present a view, ultimately any decisions about primary care contracts are made by the Government.

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**SECTION 2 – ITEMS FOR THE BOARD’S INFORMATION AND ASSURANCE**

4. The Committee were informed of the proposed process for approving the 2016-17 delegation of specific NHS England primary medical care commissioning functions to those CCGs who have submitted an application and have gone through the moderation process. The Committee approved the proposals for the primary care delegation process, and ask that the Board note and confirm their decision.
  
5. The Committee concluded with an update on CCG assurance. There was a discussion around the support mechanisms that are in place for CCGs at risk of failing. It was agreed that the next Committee discussion on CCG assurance would focus on capability and leadership support for struggling CCGs.
  
6. Approvals were given by Chair’s action to issue directions to East Surrey CCG, and to apply the special measures regime to Shropshire CCG.

**SECTION 3 – PROGRESS AGAINST THE COMMITTEE’S ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

7. The Committee continues to follow its annual work plan, receiving regular performance and management reports as agreed, and receiving periodic updates from the clinical reviews.

**SECTION 4 – RECOMMENDATIONS**

8. The Board is invited to note the content of the report and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 13 November 2015.