

**BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND****Title:**

NHS England Commissioning Committee Board Report

**Lead Director:**

David Roberts, NHS England Non-Executive Director, Chair of Commissioning Committee

**Purpose of Paper:**

- To update the Board of the meeting of the Commissioning Committee on 25 November 2015.

**The Board is invited to:**

- Note the content of the report and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 25 November 2015.

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

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

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 25.11.2015**

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

1. The Committee discussed the strategy for allocations to support delivery of the *Five Year Forward View* in the 2016/17 planning round, noting that final decisions will be informed by working through the detail of the Spending Review and will be presented to the Board for approval on 17 December 2015. The Committee noted proposed changes to the CCG funding formula in light of a full data refresh, introduction of a sparsity adjustment and revisions to the inequality formula and emergency ambulance cost adjustment to more effectively target funding.

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

2. The Committee were informed of the ongoing work to support the primary care workforce and to improve efficiency and quality. The Committee noted the importance of good communication and clear leadership in effecting change, and asked for a further update at a future meeting.
3. The Committee discussed the transaction of clinical priorities through planning, including how the priorities and planning round for 2016/17 can support a continued focus on improving quality and outcomes across the comprehensive service and the six national clinical priorities. The Committee heard that there is an opportunity to use planning to focus on improving outcomes, and connecting with and supporting the new commissioning landscape.
4. The Committee discussed the rapid snapshot audit report of CCG reporting and monitoring, provided by NHS Clinical Commissioners (NHSCC). In discussion, the Committee noted the importance of better understanding the reports requested, including why the information is needed for both NHS England and CCGs, and the need to rationalise reporting and reduce the variation in volume of requests across CCGs. It was agreed to establish a Task and Finish group with NHSCC, to look into what information in the reported requests is useful and what can be stopped. The group will update the Committee on their findings in the early spring.
5. The Committee noted progress and agreed the next steps for the CCG Assessment Framework 2016/17.
6. The Committee noted and approved the commissioning intentions for armed forces, public health and health and justice, subject to changes due to the Spending Review.
7. The Committee were formally informed that from December the operational responsibility for CSUs will sit in the Transformation and Corporate Operations directorate.
8. In closing, the Chair formally advised members that the Committee will take on oversight of financial planning and performance from January 2016.

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

9. The Committee continues to follow its annual work plan, receiving regular performance,

finance and management reports as agreed, and receiving periodic updates from the clinical reviews.

**SECTION 4 – RECOMMENDATIONS**

10. The Board is invited to note the content of the report and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 25 November 2015.