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NHS ENGLAND – BOARD PAPER

Title:

NHS England Commissioning Committee Board Report

Lead Director:

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Purpose of Paper:

To update the Board of the meeting of the Commissioning Committee on 27 July 2016

The Board invited to:

Note the content of the report, and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 27 July 2016.

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Report to the Board from: Commissioning Committee
Committee Chair: David Roberts
Date of the committee meeting: Wednesday, 27 July 2016

Matters for the Board's attention

1. The Committee discussed operational planning for 17/18 and beyond, including the proposed move from one to two year operational planning, and the proposal to bring the planning process forward from quarter four to quarter three. Members noted the aim for STP- wide planning to be linked to organisational plans, with organisations being accountable for their individual control totals within system wide control totals. The Committee also noted the important role for the regions in overseeing and ensuring that financial balance is achieved within STP areas and the importance of ensuring that the 44 STP leaders are intensively supported through the process.

Items for the Board's information and assurance

2. The Committee heard about the future of pharmacy and prescribing, including the medicines optimisation process, aimed at delivering improved value and outcomes through better use of medicines, which is becoming embedded through RightCare. The Committee also heard about the way the pharmacy workforce is changing, with pharmacists taking on a wider range of roles and responsibilities, including key roles in medicines management for hospitals, CCGs and CSUs. In discussion the Committee noted the importance of integration and embedding pharmacy into NCMs, RightCare and wider NHS England efficiency programmes, and the significant opportunity for pharmacists in primary and community care.
3. Members were briefed on the finance reset for 2016-17 and heard that expenditure plans have been published for CCGs and providers; these detail the minimum level of acceptable financial performance for each organisation. In discussion the Committee noted the need to ensure that CCGs and trusts are supported to manage their pay bill and improve performance.
4. Lastly, the Committee were informed of the financial position at month three and noted that a plan is in place to ensure that NHS England delivers the financial targets for the year.

Progress against the Committee's annual work plan

5. The Committee continues to follow its annual work plan, focussing on the main system transformation programmes: design and delivery; in year performance and finance; and oversight of the commissioning system and its development as well as receiving periodic quality and clinical strategic items.

Recommendation

6. The Board is invited to note the content of the report and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 27 July 2016.