

**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:**

1. To update the Board of the meeting of the Commissioning Committee on 17 November 2016.

**The Board is invited to:**

2. Note the content of the report, and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 17 November 2016.

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

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

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 17.11.2016**

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

1. The Committee discussed potential resolutions for the cohort of dental foundation trainees who are approaching the deadline for inclusion in the NHS dental performers list (30 November 2016) and, due to administrative difficulties, may not be properly included by the due date. Members endorsed the preferred option to use an executive order, by the Chair and Chief Executive, to extend the grace period for inclusion by a period of up to 8 weeks.

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

2. Members were briefed on the work around Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) implementation and the organisational resource implications, which is aiming to create capacity to deliver transformation through the STPs. In discussion the Committee noted:
  - i. the need for clear communication from the national teams around the intention of these plans and how the changes will be implemented
  - ii. the importance of ensuring alignment with the long-term administrative resource plans
  - iii. that it is important that this is a process of co-creation with the regions, so that they evolve their own solutions, driven by the requirements of the STPs.
3. The Committee were informed of the financial position at month six, and noted that NHS England remains on track to meet its financial targets for the year.
4. The Committee heard about the progress being made on new care models implementation. Discussion points included the importance of good communications and engagement, including sharing successes and learning, as key means of continuing to build interest in, and enthusiasm for, the new care models and that the implementation of the new care models programme, driven through STPs, will require a regionally-led support and assurance process alongside national expertise and policy development.
5. Members were then briefed on progress with the multispecialty community provider (MCP) contract implementation and informed that a final version of the MCP contract will be published in early 2017 and available for use for 2017-18. In discussion, the Committee noted the importance of ensuring spread and wider adoption of the contract.
6. The Committee discussed implementation of the GP forward view and noted that NHS England remains on track to deliver this programme. Discussion points included the key linkages with other work areas, including urgent care, technology, new care models and self care, and the continued importance of partnership working with GPs.
7. Lastly the Committee heard that a memorandum of understanding with national partners on London devolution is expected to be agreed by Government in December 2016. Members noted that no changes to existing accountabilities are proposed at this stage.

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

8. 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.

**SECTION 4 – RECOMMENDATIONS**

9. The Board is invited to note the content of the report and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 17 November 2016.