

NHS ENGLAND – BOARD PAPER

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 16 December 2016.

The Board is invited to:

Note the content of the report, and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 16 December 2016.

REPORT TO THE BOARD FROM: Commissioning Committee

REPORT FROM: David Roberts, Commissioning Committee Chair

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 16 December 2016

SECTION 1 – MATTERS FOR THE BOARD’S ATTENTION

1. Members discussed the application from North Manchester, Central Manchester and South Manchester CCGs seeking approval from NHS England to merge to form a single Manchester CCG from 1 April 2017. The Committee agreed the recommendation from the Regional Director (North) and the Chief Officer of the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, supported by the Executive team, that the proposed merger should proceed.

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

2. The Committee heard about progress on the Greater Manchester (GM) devolution programme since the devolution of health and social care on 1 April 2016. In discussion the Committee noted:
 - i. That the strong partnership working in GM, and good relationships with stakeholders across the patch, has been a major contributor to the success of the programme
 - ii. The need to ensure that the learning is captured and shared
 - iii. The critical importance of the preparatory year, setting up robust governance, assurance and accountability frameworks for GM.
3. The Committee discussed how we can more proactively manage our relationship with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. Discussion points included the importance of fully understanding the barriers and enablers to commissioning the VCSE sector, and the need for a clear policy setting out NHS England’s aims and ambitions, supported by transparent and robust governance of our interaction with the VCSE sector, and accountability for what is delivered.
4. Members were briefed on the operational planning and contracting round for 2017/18-2018/19 and noted the benefit gained from bringing forward the planning process from quarter four to quarter three, now allowing time for any necessary adjustments before the new financial year.
5. The Committee were informed of the financial position at month seven, and noted that NHS England remains on track to meet its financial targets for the year.
6. Lastly, the Committee received and noted the Quarterly Direct Commissioning Management Report, agreeing the recommendation to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to sign the section 7A agreement on public health.

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

7. 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

8. The Board is invited to note the content of the report and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 16 December 2016.