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Title:

NHS England Commissioning Committee Board Report

Lead Director:

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Purpose of the paper:

To update the Board on the meeting of the Commissioning Committee on 25 May 2016.

The Board is invited to:

Note the content of the report on the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 25 May 2016.

Report of the Commissioning Committee to the Board

Report to the Board from: Commissioning Committee
Committee Chair: David Roberts, Commissioning Committee Chair
Date of the committee meeting: Wednesday, 25 May 2016

Matters for the Board's attention

1. The Committee agreed the continuation of the delegated authority for Rosamond Roughton, Paul Baumann and Simon Stevens to make decisions on behalf of the Commissioning Committee regarding the negotiation of the General Medical Services (GMS) contract for 2017/18.

Items for the Board's information and assurance

2. The Committee heard about the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health and the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia programmes to improve and standardise the quality of mental health and dementia care across the country. The team is working closely with the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) process and support to ensure that there is consistent messaging, that sector needs are met, and cost benefits are communicated.
3. The Committee noted progress and agreed the next steps for the clinical call coding trial being undertaken as phase 2 of the NHS England Ambulance Response Programme (ARP), which aims to improve response times to critically ill patients, and ensure that the most clinically appropriate type of response is sent to all patients.
4. The Committee discussed the STP process, hearing that Simon Stevens and Jim Mackey have spoken to the majority of STP leaders across the country, and that the process has positively brought together a wide range of leaders across health and social care, with a balance of commissioner and provider representation supporting practical discussions about how to deliver sustainable services.
5. Members discussed and agreed next steps to address CCGs' experience of the burden of reporting requests, as well as look at the scale and volume of guidance issued by NHS England to CCGs.
6. The Committee were briefed on the May financial planning submission, the fourth and final submission from commissioners of their 2016/17 financial plans. Members noted the need to ensure balanced plans across the whole sector, including triangulation between the provider and commissioner plans.
7. The Committee were informed of the financial position at month 12 and noted that NHS England has delivered against financial targets for the year.
8. Lastly, Members discussed the Commissioning Committee future role, remit and ways of working, agreeing that for 2016/17 the focus of work will be on: the main system transformation programmes' design and delivery; in year performance and finance; and oversight of the commissioning system and its development. The Board will have oversight and agree the strategy of major business plan programmes, and the Committee will look at operationalising and the details of programme delivery.

Progress against the Committee's annual work plan

9. The Committee continues to follow its annual work plan, and to receive regular performance, finance and management reports as well as periodic quality and clinical strategic items.

Recommendation

10. The Board is invited to note the content of the report of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 25 May 2016.