

NHS ENGLAND – BOARD PAPER

Title:

Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16

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Purpose of Paper:

To present the final Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 to the Board for information, as published on the NHS England [website](#).

The Board invited to:

- Note the contents of the final annual report and accounts, which were approved under delegation by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee at their meeting held on 29 June 2016. The report includes the Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) who has used his reporting powers within the Health Group this year, including for commissioning (NHS England).
- Note the intention to present the Annual Review for 2015/16 at the Annual General Meeting of the Board on 25 October 2016.

NHS England Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16

PURPOSE

1. This paper presents NHS England's Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND

2. In line with legislation, NHS England and all clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) must produce an annual report and accounts, including a governance statement. The structure and content of the annual report follows requirements set by HM Treasury. CCG annual reports were published via their websites in June 2016.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

3. At their meeting on 26 May, the Board reviewed the draft 2015/16 annual report and accounts for NHS England and confirmed they were content to delegate authority to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to undertake a final detailed review and recommend them for signature by the Accounting Officer.
4. The Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 is now presented to the Board subsequent to signature by the Accounting Officer on 8 July 2016, and certification by the National Audit Office on 12 July. Board members are asked to note that the Comptroller and Auditor General has used his reporting powers on the health group this year (the Department), for Trusts (Consolidated Foundation Trust Statement) and for commissioning (NHS England).
5. NHS England's Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 were laid in Parliament on 21 July 2016 and are now available to view on NHS England's [website](#).

RECOMMENDATION

6. The Board are asked to note the contents of NHS England's Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16. The Annual Review will take place via the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25 October 2016.

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