



To: National Quality Board

For meeting on: 1 February 2017

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Report for:

Decision	Discussion	Information
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Title: Forward look for 2017

Summary: This paper asks the NQB for views on our where we focus our work in 2017. The paper:


- restates the aims and objectives of the National Quality Board;
- sets out how we will organise agenda items for 2017 to meet our aims and objectives; and
- asks for comments on the suggested forward look for 2017

Recommendations / Action(s) requested:

Is the NQB happy with the suggested framework (slide 5)?

Does the NQB have any views of suggestions on the items in the suggested forward look for 2017 (Slides 6 – 8 and forward planner at slide 9)?

ALB Involvement in development and sign-off of paper*:

						
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**Please tick appropriate box(es)*

Looking ahead to 2017: the National Quality Board



Aim of the NQB

The NQB's overarching aim is **to support and drive improvement in the quality of care**. As described in the Five Year Forward View, we must do this whilst taking into account the need to secure **financial balance** as well as improvements in the **health and wellbeing of people and communities**.

Whilst scope of the NQB's focus is primarily the NHS, it also recognise the important interdependencies with public health and adult social care sectors, and these connections are within the scope of the NQB.

Broadly, the NQB delivers its role in four ways:

1. **Providing collective leadership for quality**
2. **Securing alignment for quality**
3. **Holding up a mirror to the system**
4. **Taking action to support quality**

Role of the NQB

1. **Providing collective leadership for quality** - so that the national parts of the system are able to speak with one voice in respect of quality, providing consistency and clarity of purpose.
2. **Securing alignment for quality** - by harnessing opportunities for the national organisations, working nationally and regionally to discharge their responsibilities in respect of quality in a joined up and aligned way that does not duplicate or undermine, but reinforces and supports each other.
3. **Holding up a mirror to the system** – both privately and publically by supporting the system to ‘measure what matters’ and identifying and drawing attention to emerging problems in care quality or emerging learning from good practice at both a national and regional level.
4. **Taking action to support quality** – where it is needed, taking collective and coordinated action to support the system in its joint aims of maintaining and improving quality, involving troubleshooting, where necessary, to identify solutions to collective problems, in line with our collective aims. This may mean providing advice to national bodies on quality issues, setting out guidance to the system on quality or using individual organisations’ tools and levers in an aligned way to meet shared goals in respect of quality.

Shared commitment to quality

Our single shared definition of quality which as national bodies we have committed to embed at every level of our work and in all our interactions.



Our seven steps to improving quality that we all need to **take** together to maintain and improve the quality of care that people experience.



Following publication of the ***Shared commitment to quality***, the focus will be:

- dissemination of and engagement; and
- delivering the actions described.

NQB focus for 2017

In 2017, the NQB will deliver its role by focussing on:

- **Leadership and Alignment** – provide oversight for key initiatives and programmes
- **Taking Action**– take collective action on system issues where needed
- **Holding up a mirror** – forward plan to ensure the NHS anticipates future challenges
- All NQB agenda items should fit into one of these categories

Leadership and Alignment for 2017

- Cross system work on sepsis
- Learning from Deaths Programme
- Safe, Sustainable & Productive Staffing Guidance
- Review of QSGs and Risk Summits
- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Supporting the NILDSF implementation

Taking Action

- Understanding the effect of current pressures on quality of care and staff morale
- Social Care and the interaction with the NHS services.
- Measuring Quality – how can we reduce duplication in the system
- How do we help spread uptake quality improvement principles and practices?

Holding up a mirror

- Understanding how advances in digital technology will impact on the NHS
- What can we learn from international comparisons of quality
- Understanding 'Getting it right first time'

PROPOSED: NQB Meeting Forward Look for 2017

February 2017	March 2017	May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to CQC report /Learning from deaths • Adult social care quality matters • Update on AMR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on investigating deaths programme • Early findings from the review of QSGs and Risk Summits • Technology/NIB introduction • Workshop on Social Care/NHS interaction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final report from review of QSGs and Risk Summits • Measuring Quality - burden/duplication update • NILDF update • Safe Staffing • Workshop on Technology
July 2017	September 2017	November 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uptake of quality Improvement and link to leadership (Building on NILDF) • Maternity Taskforce Implementation – questions for NQB • Workshop: Understanding pressures on NHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further sessions on FYFV priority areas • Workshop: international comparisons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further sessions on FYFV priority areas

Questions for NQB

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