



To: National Quality Board

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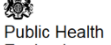

Decision	Discussion	Information
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Title: NHS Improvement's approach to Patient Safety

Summary: NHS Improvement's 2016/17 business plan committed to publish by the end of the financial year, "the NHS Improvement offer on patient safety; describing priority areas up to 2020 and how the central team will work with national partners and regional and improvement teams across NHS Improvement". A current draft of a document, aimed at NHS leaders, is attached.

Recommendations / Action(s) requested: NQB are asked to provide views on the attached draft and in particular provide comments on the ambitions listed and the activities proposed to support those ambitions, as well as noting the intention to publish before the end of March 2017.

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

						
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**Please tick appropriate box(es)*

ADDENDUM

A link to the *NHSI Offer on Patient Safety* will be provided here once this document has been published by NHSI.

Introduction

1. NHS Improvement have drafted a document which aims to inform NHS leaders about what NHS Improvement is doing and is planning to do in relation to patient safety. The document reflects work ongoing across the organisation, including in Medical, Nursing and Improvement Directorates. It also references work being led by other Arms-Length Bodies that NHS Improvement is contributing to. It is a work in progress and will be further updated prior to publication.
2. The document describes the statutory patient safety functions that now sit with NHS Improvement, and links these to NHS Improvement's role in leading on patient safety for the system. It describes how safety improvement requires quality improvement approaches as well as incident reporting, investigation and action planning, and outlines work ongoing across NHS Improvement in the context of the existing strategic vision and aims for patient safety that were established following the publication of the Berwick Report in 2013 which called for *'a system devoted to continuous learning and improvement'*.
3. The document describes both 'business as usual' work, (such as supporting Trusts to improve their CQC ratings, running the National Reporting and Learning System and National Patient Safety Alerting System), as well as programmes of work (such as the Patient Safety Collaborative Programme, the Q Initiative and the NHS Improvement programme on Culture and Leadership) for the short, medium and long term.

Setting and delivering ambitions

4. The current Executive Summary contains a number of ambition statements. These are a mixture of ambitions to deliver 'continuous improvement' in various measures, such as CQC ratings, and more hard commitments to deliver specific outcomes such as a 50% reduction in Gram-negative blood stream infections. Hard commitments have been included where these have already been publically set, for example by the Government.
5. The paper further describes the work of NHS Improvement that supports these ambitions and groups these under the three strategic patient safety aims that in turn support the vision that was developed in response to the Berwick Report in 2013. The approach is summarised in a driver diagram format in the document.
6. **Do NQB have any views on the current ambitions, the description of the work that is underway or planned to support this and the presentation of NHS Improvement's work?**
7. **Do NQB wish to flag additional work that they are aware of that they feel should be covered, or are there areas for development that NQB feel NHS Improvement should consider beyond the publication and implementation of the work in this document?**

Publication

8. Publication is tentatively planned for the end of March subject to further editorial work.
9. **Do NQB have any comments in relation to the publication and communication of this document?**