

NHS ENGLAND – BOARD PAPER

Title:

Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17, and Department of Health Annual Assessment

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Purpose of Paper:

To present the final Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 to the Board for information, as published on the NHS England [website](#), and the [DH Annual Assessment](#).

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 4 July 2017. The report includes the Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General 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 2016/17 at the Annual General Meeting of the Board on 11 September 2017.
- Note the publication by the Department of Health of its Annual Assessment note.

NHS England Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17

PURPOSE

1. This paper presents NHS England's Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 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 2017.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

3. The Board has previously reviewed the draft 2016/17 annual report and accounts for NHS England and has 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 2016/17 is now presented to the Board subsequent to signature by Simon Stevens, as the Accounting Officer, on 3 July 2017, and certification by the National Audit Office on 17 July 2017.
5. NHS England's Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 were laid in Parliament on 18 July 2017 and are now available to view on NHS England's [website](#).

DH ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

6. The Board is also invited to note the [Secretary of State's fourth annual assessment of NHS England](#), as presented to Parliament on 18 July 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

7. The Board are asked to note the contents of NHS England's Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 and the DH Annual Assessment. The NHS England Annual Review will take place via the Annual General Meeting on Monday 11 September 2017.