

## **BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND**

**Title:**

NHS England Commissioning Committee Board Report

**Lead Director:**

David Roberts, NHS England Non-Executive Director, Chair of Commissioning Committee

**Purpose of Paper:**

To update the Board of the meeting of the Commissioning Committee on 28 June 2017.

**The Board is invited to:**

Note the content of the report, and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 28 June 2017.

## **REPORT TO THE BOARD FROM: Commissioning Committee**

**REPORT FROM: David Roberts, Commissioning Committee Chair**

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 28.06.2017**

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### **MATTERS FOR THE BOARD'S ATTENTION**

1. Members were formally informed of the decision taken by Chair's Action to remove directions from NHS Bedfordshire CCG and NHS Surrey Downs CCG.
2. The Committee were briefed on the low value medicines consultation, including the emerging recommendations that have been reached following meetings with a wide range of stakeholders. The Committee agreed to commend the proposals for a national consultation on products which might not be routinely prescribed by CCGs and GPs, for decision by the Board.
3. Members considered the CCG 2016-17 assessment and STP assessment and related methodology. The Committee noted the importance of a clear and transparent narrative to CCGs and STPs on the methodology, and how it has been applied. The importance of continued support to CCGs and STPs, and ongoing work to improve skills and capability across the system was reinforced.

### **ITEMS FOR THE BOARD'S INFORMATION AND ASSURANCE**

4. The Committee were briefed on the process for allocating NHS capital announced in Spring Budget 2017, the plan for targeting capital in support for STPs, and how NHS England and NHS Improvement are working more closely together to ensure that NHS capital better supports the transformation agenda.
5. Members then heard about progress with the Continuing Healthcare Strategic Improvement Programme, working to improve outcomes and experience for patients as well as use of resources. Discussion points included:
  - i. the number and complexity of the stakeholders involved, including the Department of Health, NHS staff and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise organisations;
  - ii. the geographical variation; and
  - iii. the need to ensure best practice is agreed across the country.
6. The Committee were informed about progress on implementing the General Practice Forward View. In discussion the Committee noted:
  - i. the need to consider additional levers, such as international recruitment, to resolve the workforce pressures;
  - ii. the important role of technology in developing NHS111 telephone and online services;
  - iii. the important role of GPs in activating and enabling patients to use the

- available technology; and
- iv. the need to ensure capacity is in place for a robust change management process to support this.

## **PROGRESS AGAINST THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

6. The Committee continues to follow its annual work plan, focussing on the main system transformation programmes: design and delivery; in year performance and finance; and oversight of the commissioning system and its development, as well as receiving periodic quality and clinical strategic items.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7. The Board is invited to note the content of the report and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 28 June 2017.