

NHS ENGLAND - BOARD PAPER

Title:

NHS England Commissioning Committee Board Report.

Lead Director:

David Roberts, Non-Executive Director, Chair of Commissioning Committee.

Purpose of Paper:

To update the Board on the meeting of the Commissioning Committee on 25 October 2017.

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Report to the Board from: Commissioning Committee

Report from: David Roberts, Commissioning Committee Chair

Date of Committee meeting: 25 October 2017

Matters for the Board's attention

1. Members were informed formally of the decision taken by Chair's Action to exercise power of directions for:
 - i. NHS Crawley CCG; and
 - ii. NHS Horsham & Mid Sussex CCG.
2. The Committee supported the proposals on refinements to CCG remuneration guidance and CCG external audit to:
 - i. refresh CCG remuneration guidance; and
 - ii. request the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to consider the proposal for external auditor requirements to review relevant CCG remuneration packages.
3. The Committee approved six proposed CCG mergers subject to the agreed conditions for each merger being met. The relevant Regional Director will review whether the conditions have been discharged and inform the Committee of the outcome.

Items for the Board's information and assurance

4. The Committee were briefed on the NHS RightCare programme. Key issues included:
 - the RightCare data is prompting the right set of questions; the focus should now be on answering the questions and implementing solutions which reflect best practice and local circumstances; and
 - the importance of the relationship with NHS Improvement (NHSI) and the Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme and exploring the potential to develop a whole system dataset similar to Lord Carter's 'Model Hospital'.
5. The Committee noted:
 - RightCare and GIRFT should also be discussed at the joint strategic finance group with NHSI.
6. The Committee considered the learnings from CCG intervention programmes and noted:
 - the progress made and the future orientation to include a systems

approach;

- the potential to develop a 'pool' of Turnaround Directors; and
- the strategy for providing support to CCGs be discussed at a future Board development day with Dr. Amanda Doyle invited to attend.

7. The Committee received for assurance the month 6 report and noted:

- the forecast balanced outturn at the year end and the current risk position; and
- the work being undertaken to address known pressures.

8. The Committee noted that the planned NHS' 10 point efficiency plan report on Estates will now be considered by the Joint Finance Committee with NHSI.

Progress against the Committee's annual work plan

12. 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 strategy items.

Recommendation

13. The Board is invited to note the content of the report, including the request for the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to consider CCG external audit requirements, and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 25 October 2017.