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**NHS ENGLAND – BOARD PAPER****Title:**

Commissioning Committee Update

**Lead Director:**

David Roberts, Chair of Commissioning Committee.

**Purpose of Paper:**

To update the Board on the meeting of the Commissioning Committee on 29 November 2017.

**The Board invited to note the:**

- approval of the Board on 30 November 2017 for delegation for the Commissioning Committee to agree which CCG applications for the co-commissioning of primary medical services from 1 April 2018 will be supported;
- approval to recommend FIT sensitivity level;
- approval of delegation of the proposed NHS England specialised commissioning budget to the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership from 1 April 2018; and
- content of the report, and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 29 November 2017.

## Commissioning Committee Update – November 2017

**Report to the Board from:** Commissioning Committee  
**Committee Chair:** David Roberts  
**Date of the committee meeting:** Wednesday, 29 November 2017

### Matters for the Board's attention

1. Members were informed of the decision taken by Chair's Action to remove the power of directions for NHS Medway CCG.
2. The Chair received Board approval on 30 November 2017 for delegated authority for the Commissioning Committee to identify which CCG applications to support for the co-commissioning of primary medical services, for formal ratification by the Board at the meeting on 8 February 2018.
3. The Committee received details on introducing a replacement screening test (Faecal Immunochemical – FIT) into the national bowel cancer screening programme. The suggested sensitivity level was endorsed as a recommendation to DH subject to the S7a public health services negotiations and a longer term approach toward increasing the sensitivity level. Approval of the s7a agreement has been delegated by the Committee to the Chief Executive in September 2017.
4. The Committee approved the delegation of the proposed NHS England specialised commissioning budget to the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership from 1 April 2018.

### Items for the Board's information and assurance

5. The Committee discussed Primary Care and noted the progress made on the General Practitioner contract negotiations, the pressure on workforce.
6. The Committee were updated on the financial risks in the NHS and noted the work taking place to address financial pressures.
7. The elective care transformation programme focussing on demand management was discussed. Key issues included the reduction in the growth in demand achieved through pathway improvement. The committee noted the need to accelerate the work, understand consultant to consultant referrals, and that referral to treatment (RTT) will be part of discussion for the 2018/ 2019 mandate.
8. The Committee considered how 'business intelligence' meets the changing needs of the NHS and the partnering framework being developed to support local areas. The approach includes standardisation, the flexibility of the framework arrangements to support local areas and the provision of leading edge capability.
9. The Committee heard about devolution and an update on progress in London and Surrey Heartlands. The Committee expect to receive a formal request to approve the Surrey Heartland's proposals at the meeting to be held on 7 February 2018.
10. The Committee reviewed national performance for October 2017.

## **Progress against the Committee's annual work plan**

11. 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 periodic quality and clinical strategy items.

## **Recommendation**

12. The Board is invited to approve the request for delegated authority for the Commissioning Committee to approve CCG applications for the co-commissioning of primary medical services.

13. The Board is invited to note the:

- approval of the Board on 30 November 2017 for delegated authority for the Commissioning Committee to approve CCG applications for the co-commissioning of primary medical services
- approval of the recommended FIT sensitivity level for implementation across England
- approval of delegation of the proposed NHS England specialised commissioning budget to the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership from 1 April 2018
- content of the report, and the outcomes of the Commissioning Committee meeting held on 29 November 2017.