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

Specialised Services Commissioning Committee (SSCC) Report

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**Purpose of Paper:**

To update the Board of the meeting of the Specialised Services Commissioning Committee held on 19 June 2018

**The Board is invited to:**

- Note the work and key decisions of the SSCC; and
- Take a verbal update on any additional issues and decisions taken by the SSCC on 19 June 2018

## Specialised Services Commissioning Committee Report

**Report to the Board from:** Specialised Services Commissioning Committee  
**Committee Chair:** Noel Gordon  
**Date of the committee meeting:** Tuesday, 19 June 2018

### Matters for the Board's attention

1. Below is an overview of the Implementation section of the Committee meeting of 19 June 2018.

*Recommendations for prioritisation of discretionary investment in service developments in the 2018/19 financial year*

2. The Committee was asked to approve which new treatments should be included for routine commissioning by NHS England as service developments to be funded by discretionary investment. The recommendations were made by the Specialised Commissioning Oversight Group (SCOG) based on the recommendations from the Clinical Priorities Advisory Group (CPAG).
3. The following points were made in discussion:
  - Decisions on funding look at the financial impact over the next five years to ensure that funding is sustainable.
  - The three propositions falling in levels 4 and 5 that were not approved will return in November 2018 for consideration for investment in 2019/20.
  - Those patients who may have stood to benefit from the treatments falling in levels 4 and 5 will continue to receive the standard of care that is currently routinely commissioned.
4. The Committee considered and agreed to SCOG's recommendations for the prioritisation of discretionary funding for Levels 1-3.

### *Genomics programme*

5. The Committee heard an update on the work to implement the vision for genomic medicine in the NHS, which were agreed by the Committee in November 2017. The current focus is on three areas:
  - procuring the national genomic laboratory network, which will form the basis of the new service;
  - putting in place the key elements required to support the new service from October; and
  - planning for implementation of the Genomic Medicine Service from 1 October, including transition from the 100,000 Genomes Project.
6. The Committee agreed to the next steps on the genomic laboratory service procurement and on mobilisation; and agreed to plans to support implementation from 1 October 2018.

7. Professor Sir Malcolm Grant updated the Committee on discussions with Genomics England Limited and at the National Genomics Board on plans to develop a vision and plan for the future development of genomics in the UK.
8. The Committee agreed to the development of a five-year roadmap for genomic medicine in the NHS for the autumn.

*Congenital heart disease services implementation*

9. The Committee heard progress report on implementing new standards to ensure that patients with congenital heart disease (CHD) receive the best possible care, for which plans were agreed at a meeting of the NHS England Board on 30 November 2017.
10. The Committee noted the report and agreed to the recommendations of timescales for the work with the Royal Brompton and Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

*Update on progress with the post-budget review of specialised commissioning*

11. The Committee heard an update on the post-budget review of specialised commissioning, in particular the work on improving value by reducing variation. NHS England is also updating its strategic priorities for specialised commissioning to provide a clearer focus for implementation and provide the basis for planning for 2019/20 as well as supporting delivery for 2018/19.

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

12. The Committee received the following updates:
  - April and May 2018 meetings of the Patient and Public Voice Assurance Group, which considered: prosthetics service review; service specification for Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura; haemoglobinopathies service review; gender identity services; and Proton Beam Therapy. The PPVAG also discussed: terms of reference for the group; the group's annual assurance report for 2017/18; and the PPV conference.
  - 2017/18 outturn and the latest position for 2018/19 on the refreshed contract variations and financial plan.
  - The Specialised Commissioning Oversight Group meetings in April and May 2018, including: updates on national clinical priorities; Clinical Priorities Advisory Group recommendations; service reviews and procurements; congenital heart disease implementation plan; updated PPVAG terms of reference; and quality surveillance and improvement;
  - Key topics discussed by the Health and Justice Oversight Group at the meeting held in June 2018, including: lived experience; implementation of revised mental health and substance misuse specifications; the Shaw Review; Partnership Agreements; Health and Justice Information System rollout update; sexual assault and abuse services plan; Prison Pressures Report; and structural review;

- Key topics discussed by the Armed Forces Oversight Group at the meeting held in May 2018, including: lived experience; mental health for veterans, Transition Intervention and Liaison Service (TILS) data dashboard, Complex Treatment Service update; integrated personalised commissioning; veteran-friendly practices; Partnership Agreement and priorities; structural review; and the ongoing work programme.
- The Cancer Drugs Fund Investment Group.

13. The Director of Specialised Services updated the Committee on a number of current issues, including:

- The successful outcome of the judicial review on homeopathy;
- Recent commercial developments;
- Strategic procurement of Hepatitis C; and
- Implementation of the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) trial

## **Recommendation**

14. The Board is invited to:

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