

Meetings of the NHS England and NHS Improvement Boards, held in public

Meeting Date: 28 March 2019

Agenda item: 5

Report by: Emily Lawson, National Director for Transformation & Corporate Development

Report on: NHS England and NHS Improvement Funding and Resource 2019/20: Supporting “The NHS Long Term Plan”

Decision Making Responsibility:

NHS England	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NHS Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>
NHS England and NHS Improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
N/A - joint discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>

Patient and Public Involvement:

The Public Engagement Lead within the Experience, Participation and Equalities team, has been directly involved in the development of this document.

Purpose of Paper:

For the Boards to review the draft paper, NHS England and NHS Improvement Funding and Resource 2019/20: Supporting ‘The NHS Long Term Plan’ noting the one year allocation for NHS Improvement and NHS England central programme and administration budgets.

The Boards are invited to:

- Approve the document for publication, noting the 2019/20 allocations.
- Delegate to the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer any in-year adjustments that may be required to NHS England and NHS Improvement directorate budgets during 2019/20 in order to take account of organisational design changes.

- Ratify the allocation of the NHS England capital mandate resource limit for 2019/20 as detailed below.

NHS England and NHS Improvement Funding and Resource 2019/20: Supporting 'The NHS Long Term Plan'

Purpose

1. Each year the NHS England Board must publish its business plan. This paper sets out the NHS England and NHS Improvement's funding and resource for 2019/20 that will support the transition from 'Next Steps on the Five Year Forward View' (Next Steps) to The NHS Long Term Plan and seeks approval from the Board to publish it on NHS England's website from 1 April 2019.
2. As part of this approval the Boards are also asked to note the indicative allocations for use of NHS England's and NHS Improvements central programme and administration funds, and ratify the £305m allocation of NHS England capital mandate resource.

Background

3. For 2017/18 we published the 'Next Steps for the NHS Five Year Forward View' document setting out what was to be achieved within the NHS over the years 2017-19. To complement this and cover certain obligations as to the content of the business plan, NHS England also published an annex document focusing on our funding and people entitled NHS England Funding and Resource 2017-19: Supporting 'Next Steps for the NHS Five Year Forward View'. We are now entering a transition year where we are positioning our joint organisations to support The Long Term Plan to transform local health and care systems. To maintain the good practice established over the last two years, this annex document has now been refreshed and is now entitled NHS England and NHS Improvement Funding and Resource 2019/20: Supporting 'The NHS Long Term Plan'.
4. The sections below explain the reasoning for the content and request approval and further publication of the final document.

Content and rationale

5. The document includes the following sections and content:
 - i. **Introduction** – Outlines the purpose of the document and includes a clear statement that signposts to the current 'Next Steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View' and the transition to the "Long term Plan". It references the mandate and remit i.e. how NHS England and NHS Improvement proposes to achieve its objectives, and comply with the requirements, specified for 2019/20.
 - ii. **Involving and consulting our patients & the public, Promoting equality and reducing health inequalities, Quality of services** – These sections include links to relevant pages on our website.

- iii. **Our operating model** addresses how we will strengthen our joint working in strategic and operational terms so that we can better support the NHS to deliver high quality care to patients through STPs/ICSSs.
 - iv. **Our funding** – How NHS Improvement and NHS England spends its financial resource. This section includes a summary of planned allocations for admin and central programme funding, as well as an overview of how money is spent across the commissioning system.
 - v. **Our people** – How the two organisations continue to develop and support their staff. This includes changes on supporting local integration of care and changes that we are making to support our new operating model.
6. The approach within each section has been to reflect on progress over the last year as the foundation of our approach to the year ahead. Subject to approval, this paper will be published to meet a target of end of March 2019.

Resources

7. NHS England and NHS Improvement are currently working to prioritise joint corporate resources from 2019/20 onwards to support delivery of The Long Term Plan, complete our delivery of the Next Steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View; and continuously improve the way we approach the important other work we do in support of our statutory roles within the NHS. For 2019/20, £1.2bn is available for central programme and administration budgets across NHS England and NHS Improvement
8. NHS England will receive a capital resource limit of £305m for 2019/20. The capital resource is for NHS England and CCG investments in primary care (primarily GP IT and GP premises improvements) (proposed allocation of £220m after allowance for slippage), NHS England national programmes and NHS England, CCG and CSU corporate ICT and estates (£46m after slippage). The balance of the capital resource limit will be prioritised as part of work on the overall NHS capital strategy for 2019/20.

Recommendations

9. The Boards are asked to approve for publication the NHS England and NHS Improvement Funding and Resource 2019/20: Supporting 'The NHS Long Term Plan' document, noting the one-year allocations for joint central programme and administration funding, and delegate to the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer any in-year adjustments that may be required to NHS England and NHS Improvement directorate budgets during 2019/20 in order to take account of organisational design changes. The NHS England Board is also asked to ratify the allocation of NHS England capital mandate resource limit for 2019/20.