

BOARD MEETING HELD IN PRIVATE

Date/Time Thursday, 28 September 2017 – 09:00 to 10:00

Location Room 102A, Skipton House, London

MINUTES

RECORD OF MEETING

Welcome and Introduction

- i. There were no apologies for absence.
- ii. There were no declarations of interest, over and above those held on record.

1. Review of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2017

- 1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2017 were approved as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

2. Verbal update on the Department of Health/NHS England Framework Agreement

- 2.2 Ian Dodge informed the Board that discussions were progressing well, with agreement reached on all but one change – reflecting a desire from Government to repeat the words in the NHS England Mandate regarding responsibility for NHS finances collectively, including on the provider side.
- 2.3 Because the Framework Agreement is not constitutionally mandated, NHS England continues to press for an accurate representation in it of the formal statutory position.
- 2.4 The Board noted the update.

3. Update on South Region

- 3.1 The paper was introduced by Matthew Swindells, who informed the Board that:
 - 3.1.1 A similar (although not identical) paper was due to be considered on the same day by the Board of NHS Improvement.
 - 3.1.2 Across the country, the NHS is asking commissioners and providers to work more closely together through STPs and ACSs, with a focus on both partnership and local solutions.
 - 3.1.3 NHS England is working increasingly closely with NHS Improvement, now with joint leadership roles across Urgent and Emergency Care, Mental Health and Cancer, and that the Regional Directors of both organisations are increasingly working together with both commissioners and providers. He also reminded the Board of previously successful joint appointments across both organisations, for example at Regional Chief Nurse level.
 - 3.1.4 With effect from 1 September 2017, the South Region had provisionally been divided into two - South West and South East – with a single Regional Director providing leadership for the local systems in each patch. Anne Eden, the NHS Improvement Executive Regional Managing Director (ERDM) for the South, would lead the South East on behalf of both organisations and Jennifer Howells, the NHS England Regional Director for the South West, would lead the South West on behalf of both organisations.
 - 3.1.5 There was currently no plan to change formal employment arrangements for any other members of staff, but during this initial phase the two Regional Directors will begin to consider how other posts in the two sub-regional teams might be formally shared

between the two organisations.

3.2 The Board discussed the issue, including its implications for the individuals concerned and the need for proper support and clarity of accountabilities, and also considered opportunities for further close working with NHSI in the regions. They wished to receive further updates as the arrangements developed.

4. Any other business

4.1 There were no further items of business.

Agreed as an Accurate Record of the Meeting

Date:	
Signature:	
Name:	Professor Sir Malcolm Grant
Title:	NHS England Chairman

Members:

Professor Sir Malcolm Grant	Chair
Simon Stevens	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
David Roberts	Vice Chair and Chair of Commissioning Committee
Lord Victor Adebowale	Non-Executive Member
Wendy Becker	Non-Executive Member
Professor Sir John Burn	Non-Executive Member
Dame Moira Gibb	Non-Executive Member and Chair of Investment Committee
Noel Gordon	Non-Executive Member and Chair of Specialised Services Commissioning Committee
Michelle Mitchell	Non-Executive Member
Joanne Shaw	Non-Executive Member and Chair of Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
Paul Baumann	Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
Professor Jane Cummings	Chief Nursing Officer (CNO)
Ian Dodge	National Director: Commissioning Strategy (ND:CS)
Professor Sir Bruce Keogh	National Medical Director (NMD)
Matthew Swindells	National Director: Operations & Information (ND:O&I)

Secretariat:

Lesley Tillotson	Board Secretary
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