

To: The Board

For meeting on: 28 April 2016

Agenda item: 4

Report by: Jim Mackey, Chief Executive

Report on: Chief Executive's report

1. Much of my time this month has been occupied by matters which are covered elsewhere on the Board agenda. However, I have been involved in a number of other discussions and events on which I would like to update the Board.
2. I met with my advisory group of Chief Executives in early April. The main topic of discussion in that meeting was the challenge for provider organisations in moving from an environment where success and the benefits of that success were earned and enjoyed by individual organisations, to one where success is achieved by organisations working in systems. I have asked colleagues in NHS Providers to work with us as we develop our single oversight framework to help us to determine, in this context, the freedoms which providers aspire to and expect when they are doing well.
3. I am continuing to take a range of opportunities to speak with audiences across the NHS about ways in which NHS Improvement will be able to support them in rising to the undoubted challenges across the sector. In particular, over the last month I have spoken to Directors of Nursing from both providers and commissioners, to Patient Safety Collaboratives, and at an event hosted at the Kings Fund in which I was interviewed by Roy Lilley.
4. I am also continuing to visit providers whenever possible. Recently I visited Colchester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, which is one of our more challenged providers. I was really pleased to be able to meet with a wide range of the clinicians and managers in Colchester, and to hear from them of the work they are doing to improve the care their patients receive. Whilst Colchester still has a significant journey to travel, my visit reinforced for me that even in the most difficult times, the vast majority of NHS staff continue to give of their best in serving their communities.
5. Finally, as we come to the end of our first official month as NHS Improvement. I would also like to pay tribute to our own staff. Since I joined in November I have been impressed by the quality of our teams across the organisation, by their values, and by their ongoing commitment, despite the uncertainties and

challenges which have arisen from the creation of NHS Improvement. I am committed to ensuring that we build on this over the coming months so that we can ensure that NHS Improvement is really adding value to the organisations we support, and through that to patients.

Jim Mackey
Chief Executive

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