

**To:** The Board

**For meeting on:** 24 January 2019

**Agenda item:** 4

**Report by:** Dido Harding, Chair

**Report on:** Chair's report

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### **Getting out and about in the NHS**

1. Since our last Board meeting in December I have visited Brighton and Sussex and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust, the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, North Middlesex Hospital Trust and Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust. I also spent half a day shadowing Dr. Henrietta Hughes in her GP clinic near Euston in London. It continues to be so inspiring and educational to spend time at the front line of the NHS with a variety of NHS colleagues and I would like to thank everyone for taking time to show me round especially at this particularly busy and challenging time of year.
2. I have spoken at several leadership training and best practice events including the Kings Fund – Building Collaborative Leadership across Health & Care Organisations, HFMA Annual chairs' conference and the Hampshire 2020 Leadership Academy

### **Launch of the NHS Long Term Plan**

3. I would like to thank everyone from within NHS Improvement and across the service who worked so hard on the development and launch of the NHS Long Term plan. It paints a compelling vision of the future and early feedback I have received from various stakeholders has been very encouraging. Translating this vision into a detailed implementation plan is clearly the next step, and I will update on this myself.
4. Following the launch of the NHS Long Term Plan, I have been asked by The Prime Minister and the Secretary of State of Health and Social Care to lead the development of a workforce implementation plan. I am keen that this work will be as inclusive as possible and as such I have asked leaders from across the health and social care system to join a steering group to assist me. I and I have also

asked Julian Hartley, Chief Executive of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, to be the executive lead for the work. Julian is charged with developing an interim implementation plan by the end of March that will sit underneath the overall implementation plan, he will return to his position in Leeds.

### **Joint board working**

5. The new committees in common with NHS England are beginning their meetings in January, with our first Delivery and Performance Committee next week. A full schedule of meetings has now been agreed for the year. Implementing the NHS Long Term Plan is going to require us to deliver on the objectives of the joint working program both in terms of collaborative and more improvement focused work. I look forward to working with David Prior and his board on this exciting journey.
6. In the spirit of joint working, I am also delighted that David Behan, Chair of Health Education England has agreed to join the NHS Improvement Board in an associate capacity and will also sit on our NHS Improvement / NHS England People Committee in Common. Welcome David.

### **Volunteering**

7. The joint NHS Improvement / NHS England volunteering project is making good progress. We have completed the pre-pilot with 3 staff completing a day's supervised volunteering. Our first training and induction session is taking place at the Royal London on 30 January with 10 staff across NHS Improvement and NHS England. Roles will be half day supervised sessions in the Emergency Department, Maternity and Elderly Care Wards and we have agreed role with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust supporting within the Emergency Multidisciplinary Unit, Minor injuries and Out of Hours bases. The team are working with Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust on developing roles on elderly care wards and with Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust for group volunteering. We are planning to launch the full scheme from April.