

## NHS England and NHS Improvement Board meetings held in common

**Paper Title:** Consultation on a new NHS System Oversight Framework for 2021/22

**Agenda item:** 7 (Public session)

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### Organisation Objective:

NHS Mandate from Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory item	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NHS Long Term Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NHS People Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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### Executive summary:

NHS England and NHS Improvement have prepared proposals for a new approach to NHS system oversight. The framework has been developed with input from NHS leaders and stakeholders and replaces the current framework published in August 2019. We now intend to consult on our proposals and use the feedback to inform the development of the NHS System Oversight Framework for 2021/22.

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### Action required:

The Boards are asked to approve the consultation document that is attached as an annex to this paper.

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### Background

1. NHS England and NHS Improvement have prepared proposals for a new approach to NHS system oversight. The proposed approach aligns with the vision set out for Integrated Care Systems (ICS) in *Integrating Care* and in the Government's White Paper, *Integration and Innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all*.

### Considerations

2. In 2021/22, the NHS will continue to manage the impact of Covid-19 and provide the full range of non-Covid services within an evolving local, regional and national context. The proposed new oversight framework will:



- a. provide clarity to ICSs, providers and commissioners on how NHS England and NHS Improvement will monitor performance; set expectations on working together to maintain and improve the quality of care; and describe how identified support needs to improve standards and outcomes are coordinated and delivered
  - b. be used by regional teams to guide oversight of ICSs at system, place based and organisational level as well as decisions about the level and nature of delivery support they may require
  - c. describe how NHSEI will work with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and other partners at national, regional and local levels to ensure our activities are aligned.
3. The framework has been developed with input from NHS leaders and stakeholders.
- a. It replaces the current framework published in August 2019, that brought together into a single document the previously separate oversight approaches for trusts and CCGs, with an integrated system-based approach to oversight.
  - b. It also introduces a new system-based Recovery Support Programme to replace the separate, provider focused finance and quality 'special measures' regimes.
4. Annex A of the consultation document describes the proposed approach to intervention and mandated support for those organisations and systems with significant challenges. This will replace the existing special measures guidance for trusts.

### Next steps

5. Our next steps, subject to agreement from the NHSE/I Boards, are to:
- a. issue the consultation document and invite views from interested individuals and organisations. These views will help inform the development of the NHS System Oversight Framework for 2021/22.
  - b. continue to work with ICSs, providers, commissioners and NHS partner organisations over the course of 2021/22 to further develop the approach to oversight future years. Subject to the Parliamentary process, a further update will be prepared for the NHS System Oversight Framework for 2022/23 to reflect the new arrangements for ICSs.