

**NATIONAL QUALITY BOARD**

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**13:00-15:00**

Virtual meeting

**MINUTES**

<b>PRESENT</b>		
Ted Baker (Chair)	Stephen Powis (Chair)	Rosie Benneyworth
Aiden Fowler	Anna Severwright	Clenton Farquharson
Kate Terroni	Imelda Redmond	Hugh McCaughey
Jonathan Bengier	Kate Terroni	Kevin Harris
Wendy Reid	Viv Bennett	Mark Radford
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>		
Dominique Black	Helen Causley	Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent
Kathryn Lupton	Lauren Young	Meera Sookee
Paul Chrisp	Pete Scott	Jane Docherty
Rebecca Chaloner		
<b>APOLOGIES</b>		
Ruth May	Lee McDonough	Yvonne Doyle
<b>AGENDA</b>		
1. Welcome & Minutes of Previous Meeting		
2. NICE's Strategic Plan		
3. Mortality Policy Implementation Board		
4. Update on Quality Accounts		
5. Response to the Ockenden Report		
6. NQB Refreshed Shared Commitment & Position Statement		
7. Any Other Business		

## 1. Welcome & Minutes from Previous Meeting.

1.1 TED BAKER (chair) welcomed all to the second National Quality Board (NQB) of 2021. Attendees and apologies were noted as above.

1.2 The minutes of the previous meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were approved and agreed as a true and accurate record and would be published in due course, alongside the associated agenda and papers.

## 2. NICE's Strategic Plan

2.1 PAUL CHRISP was invited to present the item (paper 1). NICE is launching their new 5-year strategy on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

2.2 The strategy has been developed to reflect rising health inequalities, the changing care landscape and what can be learnt from the COVID-19 response.

2.3 The plan has four strategic pillars.

- a) Rapid, robust and responsive technology evaluation.
- b) Dynamic, living guideline recommendations.
- c) Effective guidance uptake to maximise our impact.
- d) Leadership in data, research and science.

2.4 There will be a virtual launch event on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11am and NQB members were invited to attend.

2.5 The NQB is asked to

- a) **Consider** how members can support NICE in raising awareness and delivery of their new strategy.
- b) **Register** for the strategy launch event on 19 April.

2.6 Members were supportive of the new strategy and provided the following feedback.

- a) It is important to ensure that guidance is formatted to be accessible to people and systems who will be using them
- b) Crucial to work across networks with other bodies working on improvement
- c) Importance of using the most appropriate language to reflect both health and social care pathways that people using services experience.

## 3. Mortality Implementation Policy Board

3.1 HELEN CAUSLEY was invited to present a discussion paper (paper 2) on the introduction of a Mortality Policy Implementation Board.

3.2 The suggestion is that the Mortality Policy Implementation Board would be set up to oversee new and ongoing activity relating to Learning from Deaths (LfD), e.g. Medical Examiners, LeDer, Regulation 28 reports

3.3 The NQB is asked to:

- a) Agree the **establishment and purpose** of a Mortality Implementation Policy Board for England;
- b) Agree the **governance** of the Board;
- c) Agree what role, if any, of **family engagement** on the Board
- d) Agree the **success criteria** for such a Board

3.4 The NQB supported the board proposal and noted the following feedback.

- a) Need to focus on identifying and sharing learning through the Board – this should be the primary focus
- b) Need to ensure that the focus is not solely on trusts and deaths in hospital as care pathway can include a number of services
- c) Importance of ensuring public engagement with a broad range of perspectives
- d) Importance of not overlooking serious incidents in the work
- e) Need to agree terms of reference (TORs) for the Mortality Policy Implementation Board and proceed in setting it up.

3.5 The next NQB meeting will include a short progress update on this.

#### 4. Update on Quality Accounts

4.1 MEERA SOOKEE was invited to present a proposal (paper 3) to consider amendments to make Quality Accounts fit for purpose and align them with quality oversight and management under Integrated Care Systems (ICS).

4.2 The proposal suggested exploring if the Regulations in secondary legislation could be updated to make limited content changes coupled with updating NHS guidance with a view to ensuring Quality Accounts continue to be useful.

4.3 The NQB is asked to:

- a) **Consider and advise** on this proposal
- a) **Support** the recommendation to take forward a broader review of the content of Quality Accounts to ensure that they are fit for purpose, align with current policy and add value to quality oversight and management within ICS systems.

4.4 NQB members were supportive of the work and requested that the proposal is further developed and presented again to the NQB at a future meeting.

## 5. Response to the Ockenden Report

5.1 JACQUELINE DUNKLEY-BENT was invited to present the update to NQB (paper 4) on the Response to the Immediate and Essential Actions (IEA) outlined in the Ockenden report.

5.2 125 providers of maternity services completed and submitted their compliance against the 7 Immediate and Essential Actions. Overall, compliance of all providers against all actions within the 7 IEAs is at 56.3%, with 36.7% partially met and 5.2% unmet.

5.3 The final Ockenden report is expected before the end of 2021.

5.4 The NQB is asked to:

- a) **Note** progress to date.
- b) **Support** the next steps outlined in the paper.

5.5 The NQB expressed their support and thanked JACQUELINE DUNKLEY-BENT and her team for their work.

## 6. NQB Refreshed Shared Commitment and Position Statement

6.1 KATHRYN LUPTON was invited to present (paper 5) the NQB's Refreshed Shared Commitment to Quality, the Position Statement and three case studies, which have been developed to support quality oversight in ICSs

6.2 The NQB is asked to:

- a) **Endorse** the publications and support their dissemination
- b) **Provide** guidance and support on the programme of work going forward - how can the NQB support implementation of the Shared Commitment and Position Statement? What are the key priorities that must be delivered in the next 6-12 months and how can the NQB support them?

6.3 The NQB supported the publication.

## 7. Any Other Business

7.1 TED BAKER noted the sad passing of PAUL COSWORTH and recognised the excellent work he had done as part of NQB. NQB will send condolences to Paul's wife acknowledging his contribution.