

Monitor Accountability Meeting

Date: Monday 27th October 2014

Time: 4.30pm-6pm

Attendees:

Department of Health
The Rt. Hon. The Earl Howe, Parliamentary-under-Secretary of State for Health
Ben Dyson, Director of NHS Group
Tim Jones, Deputy Director, Head of Economic Regulation
Claire Stoneham, Deputy Director, Head of NHS Provider Policy
Rhia Roy, Private Secretary
Richard Davies, Policy Advisor, Economic Regulation Unit
Monitor
Baroness Hanham CBE, Chair
Stephen Hay, Managing Director, Provider Regulation
Jonathan Brown, Deputy Chief of Staff

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The meeting began with the Minister welcoming the Monitor representatives to the second accountability meeting between DH and Monitor of the 2014/15 financial year.

Agenda item A.1 – Stakeholder relationships

The Minister invited Monitor to reflect on their relationships with key system partners.

- Monitor confirmed that they were continuing to engage with key system partners and Foundation Trusts and there were not currently any issues of concern.

Agenda item B.1 – Foundation Trust (FT) financial position and performance 14/15

The Minister asked Stephen Hay for an update on the financial position within the Foundation Trust sector.

- Stephen Hay confirmed that they were monitoring the financial position of those FTs that were in deficit and would provide an update once they had analysed Q2 data.

Agenda item B.2 – FT finance and performance - challenges 15/16

- Stephen Hay confirmed that Monitor was considering ways in which it could further support FTs in improving performance.

Agenda item B.3 – FT pipeline update

- Stephen Hay reported that on 30th October Monitor's Board would be considering applications for FT status from three NHS Trusts.

Agenda item B.4 – Special measures

The Minister asked Stephen Hay for an update on those organisations that were in special measures and in particular about Medway NHS Foundation Trust.

- Stephen Hay reported that special measures were being implemented at Medway NHS Trust and progress was being made.
- Stephen Hay indicated that progress was being made by other FTs in special measures on delivering against their plans.

Agenda item C.1 – Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

Stephen Hay provided an update to the Minister following Monitor's letter to University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust regarding out of area referral restrictions.

Agenda item C.2 – Monitor publications

The Minister noted the constructive engagement between Monitor and DH on the publication of reports and guidance.

Agenda item C.3 – Pricing update

The Minister asked Stephen Hay if he anticipated further changes to Monitor's consultation document on 2015-16 National Tariff and how they would engage and handle concerns from stakeholders.

- Stephen Hay said that the consultation regarding the 2015-16 National Tariff was expected to begin by the end of November. They would continue to engage closely with stakeholders and take account of their responses before publishing the National Tariff early next year.

Agenda item D – Any other business

There was no any other business.