



Department
of Health

Minutes

Meeting: NHS Improvement 2015/16 Q3 Ministerial Accountability Meeting

Date: 9 February 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Richmond House

Attendees:

Department of Health:

Lord Prior (PS(P)), Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for NHS Productivity

Ben Gummer (BG), Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for Care Quality

David Williams (DW), Director General, Finance, Commercial & NHS Directorate

Ben Dyson (BD), Director of NHS Group

Libby Green (LG), Deputy Director, Provider Policy

Joanna Edwards (JE), NHS Improvement Sponsorship team

Fabiola Boccuti (FB), Assistant Private Secretary to Lord Prior

NHSImprovement:

Ed Smith (ES), Chair NHS Improvement

Jim Mackey (JM), Chief Executive NHS Improvement

Helen Buckingham (HB), Chief of Staff, Monitor

1. Monitor and NHS TDA organisational performance and transition to NHS Improvement

PS(P) invited NHS Improvement to give an update on the Executive and Non-Executive team appointments.

ES stated that there had been considerable interest in NHS Improvement Non-Executive Board posts and that sifting for the positions was due to take place

shortly. With regards to the Executive structure, an announcement was expected imminently.

2. Provider sector financial and operational performance

PS(P) asked for an update on the finances of the provider sector and for any early indication on provider plans for 2016/17.

JM gave an update on the immediate measures being taken to seek to keep 2015/16 outturn at a level that would be affordable within the overall Departmental Expenditure Limit, together with the major programmes of work under way to improve efficiency and reduce costs further in 2016/17. This would include implementing Lord Carter's recommendations and taking further action to control agency costs.

JM also outlined plans for supporting trusts in improving operational performance and driving continuous improvements in quality, alongside improvements in financial performance.

3. Challenged providers

PS(P) requested an update on challenged providers, in particular on Medway.

JM stated that the enhanced buddying arrangement between Medway and Guy's and St Thomas' (GSTT) continued to work well. A new leadership team was in place in Medway and, with the support of GSTT, JM was hopeful to see improvement.

More generally, JM and ES commented on the need to support and encourage high performing Trusts to consider how they could work with the most challenged areas and Trusts.

4. Tariff

PS(P) asked NHS Improvement representatives to give an update on on-going tariff work.

JM confirmed that the tariff consultation would be published on 11 February 2016. For next year NHS Improvement and NHS England would consider developing a joint tariff team and would consider how to best utilise the tariff to drive improvement across the system.

5. AOB

There was a discussion about the high quality of leaders at all levels of the NHS. NHSI were asked to consider how their excellence could be highlighted. highlighted by Government.