



Department of Health

Minutes

Title of meeting NHS Improvement (NHSI) Q2 Ministerial Accountability Meeting

Date 29 November 2016 **Time** 9:00 am

Venue Richmond House 414

Chair Philip Dunne, Minister of State for Health **Secretary** Jason Yiannikou

Attendees Philip Dunne, Minister of State for Health (MS(H))
William Vineall, Director of Acute Care and Quality (WV)
Jason Yiannikou, Deputy Director of Provider Policy (JY)
Ashley Noriega, Assistant Private Secretary to Earl Howe (AN)

Attendees – NHSI

Ed Smith, NHSI Chairman (ES)

Jim Mackey, NHS Improvement Chief Executive (JM)

Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions

MS(H) welcomed Ed Smith (ES) and Jim Mackey (JM) to the meeting, adding that he looked forward to using these meetings to work through shared challenges in an open and frank manner.

Item 2 – Accountability, Governance and Capability

ES and JM described recent progress in NHSI, including:

- Development of regional capacity and increased orientation of the organisation towards the regions to better support providers.
- Publication of the Single Oversight Framework.
- Close working with NHS England and other arms-length bodies on a number of issues.
- Continued work to strengthen the organisation by supporting and developing staff, and work to develop a shared approach across the organisation.
- In the immediate future, there would continue to be a strong focus on core performance and financial issues, but always with a view to giving local organisations as much control as possible and moving towards a stronger emphasis for NHSI on improvement and organisational development.

It was agreed that the Department and NHSI would work to publish the 2016/17 remit letter and that work to ensure publication of the 2017/18 letter would be collaborative and supportive of the process to develop NHSI's business plan.

Item 3 – NHS Provider financial position

JM reported that there was continued intensive support to providers, in particular the most challenged. Financial special measures was being used as a way of putting organisations back on track, and the aim was to bring organisations through the process as quickly as possible.

Item 4 – Special Measures

JM reported that CQC and NHSI were working very well together on quality special measures, and that NHSI were keen to explore with CQC and others ways of ensuring that the system remained effective and supportive.

Item 5 – Senior Pay

It was agreed that NHSI and the Department would continue to work together to ensure that the processes for assessing and approving senior pay would be managed as effectively and efficiently as possible in the interests of taxpayers and the smooth operation of NHS organisations.

Item 6 - Exiting the European Union

It was agreed that NHSI, the Department and other arms-length bodies would continue to work together to address the challenges and secure the opportunities for the NHS of the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union.

Item 6 – AOB

There was no other business.

Item 7 – Conclusion

MS(H) thanked JM, ES and their teams in NHS Improvement for their continued hard work on behalf of patients and the NHS.