

## NHS England Accountability Meeting

Monday 2 February 2015

17:00-18:30

### MINUTES

<b>Department of Health</b>
Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health (Chair)
Norman Lamb, Minister of State for Care Services
Earl Howe, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Quality
Dr Daniel Poulter, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health
Una O'Brien CB, Permanent Secretary
Ed Jones, Special Adviser to the Secretary of State
Kristen Mcleod, Principal Private Secretary, Secretary of State for Health
NHS England sponsorship team member (Secretary)
<b>NHS England</b>
Professor Sir Malcolm Grant, Chair
Simon Stevens, Chief Executive
Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer
Ian Dodge, National Director, Commissioning Strategy
Member of the Chair and Chief Executive's Office
Mandate Assurance and Partnerships team member

### Agenda item 1: matters arising

#### Winter planning

1. The SECRETARY OF STATE thanked NHS England for its work over the winter in a period of high pressure. SECRETARY OF STATE noted that he would like to meet with the CHIEF EXECUTIVE and others in NHS England to work through how planning and assurance of preparations can be improved for next winter. The CHIEF EXECUTIVE agreed to this.

ACTION – SECRETARY OF STATE and the CHIEF EXECUTIVE to meet shortly to discuss winter planning for 2015/16.

## **Agenda item 2: Five-year forward view**

1. The SECRETARY OF STATE asked NHS England, with respect to the Five Year Forward View, what the milestones were for the coming financial year through to April 2016 for every CCG.
2. The CHAIR OF NHS ENGLAND noted that by 9 February NHS England will have a good understanding of the level of interest from 'vanguard sites'. He noted that there had been high levels of interest and that NHS England is in the process of assessing applications. He noted that following this, NHS England will look at engagement with those CCGs that are not participating in the pilots.
3. The SECRETARY OF STATE asked the CHIEF EXECUTIVE for his view on what metrics could be put together to measure the efficiency contributions that will be achieved through the implementation of the Five Year Forward View. The CHIEF EXECUTIVE outlined the areas where efficiencies could be made and noted that the new care models will not deliver all the efficiencies identified by the Five Year Forward View.

## **Agenda item 3: mandate assurance: maternity**

1. The PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH noted that with respect to maternity, NHS England had made real progress over the past six months. He also noted that there continue to be issues around perinatal mental health, which is the second most frequent cause of maternal death.
2. The CHIEF NURSING OFFICER outlined the work that NHS England has done with the National Mental Health Alliance, clinical service guidance developed by NICE, and the maternity commissioning guidance for CCGs developed by NHS England with the Royal Colleges (one section of which concerns perinatal mental health) and the work that NHS England has done with HEE to improve education and training tools. She also noted that the perinatal mental health is one of the priorities identified for the new models of care which will be developed as part of the Five Year Forward View programme.
3. The PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH asked NHS England how it would commission maternal services without disadvantaging women with

complex needs. In particular, how the pathway works for women with complex needs. The CHIEF NURSING OFFICER noted the tariff and the stillbirth bundle and offered to provide THE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH with a further update.

4. ACTION – The CHIEF NURSING OFFICER to provide the PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH with further information on how the pathway works for women with complex needs.
  
5. The PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH asked NHS England how commissioning for older mothers and mothers who have complex needs was integrated into the new care pathways, and what NHS England considers are the main barriers to increasing choice and personalised care.
  
6. The CHIEF NURSING OFFICER noted that one of the reasons affecting expansion of choice was dependence on what services CCGs commission and from which providers. In addition, clinical judgements can affect what choices are available for women. The CHIEF NURSING OFFICER noted that this is a priority area for NHS England and is reflected in NHS England’s guidance and advice about commissioning good practice.
  
7. The NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR COMMISSIONING STRATEGY noted that there is a clear commitment in the Five Year Forward View to maintain and support choice of provider and that NHS England is co-chairing the programme board with the Royal College of Midwives on offering choice to women. NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR COMMISSIONING STRATEGY noted that NHS England expects to have made real progress from April 2016.
  
8. The CHIEF NURSING OFFICER, with respect to independent midwives and choice, outlined that NHS England is looking at the issue of indemnity insurance for independent midwives. The PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH noted that the social enterprise model was working well as risks can be pooled.
  
9. THE PERMANENT SECRETARY asked NHS England whether progress is being made to reduce the number of babies damaged at birth. The CHIEF NURSING OFFICER noted the saving babies lives care bundle developed by NHS England, which is addressing the issues raised by The PERMANENT SECRETARY.

10. The PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH asked NHS England if it was confident about meeting the maternity dataset deadline for 1 May 2015. The CHIEF NURSING OFFICER noted that NHS England is monitoring this very closely and currently it is anticipated that it will be delivered by 1 May 2015.

### **Agenda Item 6: Finance**

1. The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH noted the tight financial position and said that it is essential that NHS England is able to manage within control figures agreed with the Department of Health.

### **Agenda Item 7: AOB**

1. The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH discussed with the CHAIR OF NHS ENGLAND and the CHIEF EXECUTIVE the handling of the recent announcement on specialised commissioning services by NHS England.