



Department of Health

Title of meeting NHS England Accountability Meeting

Date 7 March 2017 **Time** 16:30 – 17:30

Venue Richmond House

Chair Jeremy Hunt **Secretary** NHS England Sponsorship Team Member

Attendees:

Department of Health

Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State

Chris Wormald, Permanent Secretary

Tamara Finkelstein, Director General of Community Care

David Williams, Director General of Finance and Group Operations

Jonathan Marron, Director of Community, Mental Health and Seven Day Services

Kara Humphreys, Deputy Director, NHS England Sponsorship and Commissioning Policy

Ed Jones, Special Adviser to the Secretary of State

NHS England Sponsorship team member

NHS England

Professor Sir Malcolm Grant, Chair

Simon Stevens, Chief Executive

Ian Dodge, National Director, Commissioning Strategy

Tom Easterling, Director of the Chair and Chief Executive's Office

Mandate, Partnerships and Accountability team member

Apologies

Paul Baumann, Chief Financial Officer, NHS England

Agenda item 1: The mandate to NHS England for 2017-18

1. The mandate to NHS England for 2017-18 was discussed, which built on the seven overarching objectives set in the previous year's mandate. Deliverables and requirements for 2017-18 were discussed. The Secretary of State emphasised the importance of NHS England ensuring overall financial balance in the NHS, working with NHS Improvement, which has statutory responsibility for trust financial control.

Agenda item 2: Five Year Forward View Delivery Plan

2. NHS England set out the proposed content of the Five Year Forward View (FYFV) Delivery Plan including:
 - A sense of what elements of the FYFV have already been delivered;
 - What would be delivered over the next two years;
 - How the various geographies will come together and the implementation path to delivering the FYFV.
3. The Chair of NHS England noted that NHS England and NHS Improvement were working together on the plan and they were considering how they could best work together to support its delivery.
4. The Secretary of State noted that he would like to see the FYFV Delivery Plan set out how the next stage of development for the Sustainability and Transformation Plans will be delivered and by when, providing clear milestones and deliverables. He also asked that it cover:
 - Core standards including a clear plan on A&E;
 - Mental Health, Cancer, and Primary Care, for which good plans already exist; and
 - A clear articulation of how financial balance will be achieved and demand managed so that additional funding can be spent on improving frontline services.
5. The Chief Executive of NHS England noted that a draft of the plan was underway, ahead of publication by the end of the month.

Agenda item 3: Financial Performance

6. NHS England provided its financial position at month at month nine. The Secretary of State noted the position and that NHS England would be able to release the full £800m reserve to help balance the overall NHS position.
7. The Secretary of State asked NHS England to provide an update on its plans to achieve financial balance in 2017-18.
8. NHS England set out its current position and that it would continue to work with NHS Improvement to develop the plans.
9. The Secretary of State emphasised the importance of developing robust plans and achieving financial balance.