

## NHS England board meeting – 26 September 2018

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### Cancer Programme update

- The National Cancer Programme is now in the third year of implementing the Cancer Taskforce Strategy and has made significant progress towards increasing cancer survival and improving patient experience and quality of life.
- Cancer survival rates are at the highest they have ever been. The latest figures show one year survival at 72.3% in 2015; this is a 0.7% increase from 2014.
- NHS England (NHSE) is investing £200m through Cancer Alliances in 17/18 to transform diagnostic services and care during and after treatment.
- Nineteen Cancer alliances were established in 2016, these brought together senior and clinical managerial leaders from across a geographical area to help drive forward the Cancer Taskforce's ambitions.
- The NHS will begin delivering Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell (CAR-T) therapy from October 2018 to children and young people up to 25 years old:
  - The process of producing this treatment is complex and the first wave of potential providers are being inspected and accredited against the necessary regulatory, safety and quality standards.
  - Provision is expected to begin in London, Manchester and Newcastle, and subject to passing accreditation requirements the first treatments could begin in a couple of weeks.
- The taskforce has engaged with over 50 organisations to date in the development of the cancer section of the Long Term Plan for the NHS. The third annual report of progress in delivering the cancer strategy will be published this autumn.

### Commissioning Committee Board Report

- Based on the report on the outcomes of the CCG 2017/18 improvement and assessment outcomes, the committee approved:
  - CCGs rated as 'inadequate' will go into special measures and that some CCGs that are rated as 'requires improvement' may also enter or remain in special measures.
- Report on the Integrated Care Systems (ICS) programme has noted:
  - ICSs will continue to expand to include voluntary, community, social enterprise and other partners as they mature.
- The Committee will continue to follow its annual work plan, focussing on the main system transformation programmes, design and delivery, in-year performance and finance and oversight of the commissioning system and its development.

### Specialised Services Commissioning Committee Report

- NHSE is updating its strategic priorities for specialised commissioning to provide a clearer focus for implementation and provide the basis for planning for 2019/20 as well as supporting delivery for 2018/19.