

Summary of board papers – statutory bodies

NHS Improvement board meeting – 24 January 2019

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Chair's report

- Following the launch of the NHS Long term plan, Baroness Dido Harding has been asked by the prime minister and the secretary of state for health and social care to lead the development of the workforce implementation plan.
- The new committees in common with NHS England (NHSE) are beginning their meetings in January, with the first Delivery and Performance Committee taking place next week.
- David Behan has agreed to join the NHS Improvement (NHSI) board in an associate capacity and will also sit on the NHSI/NHSE people committee in common.

Chief executive report

- Following publication the NHS Long term plan, NHSI and NHSE have been asked by the government to develop and publish an implementation framework by spring, which sets out in detail the actions and outcomes anticipated from local systems, NHS organisations, as well as arms length bodies (ALBs).
- Local systems will need to develop their strategic plans over the summer and these plans will be brought together into a full national implementation plan in the autumn which will also incorporate elements of the spending review.
- The newly announced financial recovery fund (worth £1.05bn) will be part of a package to support deficit providers, with a clear accountability framework associated with access. Combining this step with other significant modifications to the financial architecture means that it is expected that providers reporting deficits will be reduced by more than half in 2019/20, and by 2023/24 no provider will be reporting a deficit. The financial recovery fund signals the end to the control total regime.
- The ALBs have now recruited to the majority of executive posts in the new structure. Hugh McCaughey was, last week, announced as the national director of improvement. Hugh has been the chief executive of South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland since 2009.

Update on winter

- Due to the recent £145m capital investment, schemes have been delivering improvements across the country this winter, upgrading emergency departments and providing facilities to support the delivery of new models of care.
- In order to support continued delivery of elective care, an elective recovery plan has been put in place to identify and undertake actions to support increased delivery through increased capacity and incorporating close monitoring of risks, issues and actions locally. A forward looking national patient tracking list has also been implemented to support providers in delivering reductions to longer waiting times.