

Summary of board papers – statutory bodies

Care Quality Commission board meeting – 15 May 2019

For more detail on any of the items outlined in this summary, the board papers are available [here](#).

Chief Executive's report

- Following the Public Accounts Committee's inquiry into the [Care Quality Commission](#) (CQC) in December 2017, the CQC made a commitment to write to the committee in April 2019 with an update on their progress against the recommendations made in the report. This [letter](#) primarily outlines progress against recommendations two (ensuring findings from hospital inspections are available to the public as soon as possible) & four (how changes in the external environment are affecting staffing assumptions and planned cost reductions).

Chief Inspector of Hospital's report

- The CQC has submitted [written evidence](#) to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee. The submission highlights CQC's approach to regulating eating disorder services managed by mental health trusts, the quality of the pathway of care and the CQC's work on the 'Learning From Deaths' review.

Executive Director of Strategy and Intelligence's report

- The CQC is piloting the use of a new [digital engagement platform](#) to gather the views of external stakeholders on CQC's work. This pilot will run from Monday 29 April until the end of June.

Performance report

- In the last year, 23% of locations that were previously rated good, had deteriorated to requires improvement or inadequate.
- In the last year, 53% of locations previous rated as requiring improvement, had improved.
- In the last year, 74% of locations previously rated as inadequate improved.
- The CQC has received 8,878 whistleblowing enquiries in the last year.

Health Education England board meeting – 21 May 2019

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Performance report

- An adult Improving Access to Psychological Therapies workforce monitoring tool has been developed by the Health Education England (HEE) national Mental Health (MH) team to support Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) and CCGs to plan accurately for future years and ensure workforce growth.
- There are widening routes into MH careers through the development of new roles which increase skill mix and widen participation.
- It is expected that the target of 1,000 Physician Associate's (PAs) to be recruited into primary care by 2020 will not be met.
 - PA numbers are growing substantially in the UK and the proportion of PAs recruited into the primary care workforce is estimated at 15%, with the majority currently choosing to work in secondary care.
- In developing funding options to expand the workforce HEE has made significant progress:
 - An overarching education funding reform programme has been established to address this area
 - Stakeholders have been engaged and HEE has produced a report on tariff currencies on schedule
 - A national place-based funding pilot programme has been launched to support growth in training activity
- HEE continues to work with stakeholders, including arms length bodies, cancer alliances and STPs to further develop and implement regional cancer workforce supply plans.
- HEE is working with NHS England on the delivery plan for Primary and Community Care Training Hubs.

Addressing the needs of the learning disability workforce

- It is estimated that the 16% vacancies in learning disabilities nurse posts in 2018 will become upwards of 30%.
- HEE intends to work with partners to develop options that build on work commenced last year and that consider how to keep, attract, recruit and, re-shape the education market to meet deficits. Work will focus on:
 - Developing Learning Disability Nurse careers.
 - Developing all learning disability careers.
 - Piloting an enhanced apprenticeship approach.

Health Careers: planned activity for 2019/20

- Health Careers has two aims, which will ensure that a sufficient number of persons with the skills and training to work as health care workers are available to do so throughout England:
 - To encourage consideration of health careers through marketing strategies and techniques.
 - To offer accessible and up-to-date careers information that allows people to make informed education, training and career decisions.