

Summary of board papers – statutory bodies

NHS England and NHS Improvement board meeting – 26 September 2019

For more detail on any of the items outlined in this summary, please find the full agenda and papers [available online](#). NHSE/I has also published their final recommendations to Government and Parliament for an NHS Integrated Care Bill. You can read our On the Day Briefing [here](#).

Chairs and Chief Executive's report

- Baroness Dido Harding has stated that NHSE/I will be writing to all provider chairs and lead governors of Foundation Trusts and will set out a development framework for NHS provider chairs.
- Simon Stevens laid out plans to better support frontline staff. NHSE/I will be allocated £150 million of professional development funding for nurses and other health professionals.
- NHSE/I is considering a broader service redesign to relieve performance pressures on primary care and is exploring community pharmacy reform.

Digital First Primary Care consultation outcome

- Dr Nikki Kanani and Ed Waller gave a verbal update setting out details surrounding the consultation.
- NHSE/I want to offer Digital First Primary Care by 2020/21, with a focus on using technology to improve an individual's ability to look after themselves.

Clinically-led review of NHS access standards

- There was an update on the clinically led review of NHS Access Standards.
- In an effort to improve mental health parity, in line with physical care, NHSE/I is testing the approach to urgent community mental health services and access within one hour to liaison psychiatry services.

Operational, quality and financial performance update

- The chief financial officer, Julian Kelly, explained they were more materially worried about the financial position of the commissioner sector rather than providers.
- At the end of month four, NHS commissioners and providers were off plan by £75m. (This figure was not disaggregated).
- Roughly a third of providers are failing to meet their financial plans, while many appear to be exceeding their anticipated trajectories.
- While commenting little on the provider sector, NHSE/I highlighted that it wants to explore how more funding can be released within trusts to spend on capital backlogs for next year. However, Julian Kelly suggested this will only happen if trajectories are met by trusts. Julian confirmed the board would receive more information on capital funding at its next meeting.