

Accountable Officer Report

Governing Body meeting

Item 13b

2 October 2014

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Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting	
Noting	
Are there any Resource Implications	
No	
Audit Requirement	
<u>CCG Objectives</u>	
<i>Which of the CCG's objectives does this paper support?</i>	
This paper provides assurance that risks will be identified and managed to help ensure the achievement of the CCG's objectives.	
<u>Equality impact assessment</u>	
<i>Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?</i> No	
There are no specific issues associated with this report.	
<u>PPE Activity</u>	
<i>How does your paper support involving patients, carers and the public?</i>	
None required.	
Recommendations	
The Governing Body is asked to note the report.	

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1.0 Industrial Action

As members will be aware, there has been growing Trade Union concerns over the Government's decision on the 2014/15 pay award. The following is a review of the current positions across the Trade Unions.

UNISON's ballot began on 28 August and, on the 18 September, members have voted yes to both strike action and action short of a strike and will now co-ordinate with other Trade Unions over the date and type of action they will take.

RCMs - ballot of members from 8 - 29 September.

GMB – ballot of members in August/September with any action commencing in October.

UNITE - ballot of members from 26 August – 26 September.

RCN leader Peter Carter used a keynote speech at the RCN Congress in June to steer members away from strike action over pay. He advised members to "think carefully" before calling for a strike ballot, and instead advocated alternative forms of action such as lobbying MPs and protests. The RCN has confirmed that it currently has no plans to ballot members about industrial action.

CSP – Our understanding is that the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) is making administrative preparations to be in position to call an industrial action ballot over NHS pay in England, if it decides this is necessary.

SCoR - The Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR) will be balloting members during September and will be asking if they support strike action and action short of strike. The result of the ballot will be known in early October.

HCSA -The Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association (HCSA) will be holding a formal industrial action ballot.

We, along with our providers, will need to ensure we have resilient contingency plans in place dependent on the form of industrial action proposed.

2.0 Better Care Fund

Following completion of the various components of the national assurance process, on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Chief Executive of the City Council and I approved our submission which remains in keeping with our respective organisation's

agreements, on Friday 19 September. We expect to hear national feedback during October.

3.0 NHS England

NHS England held its Annual General Meeting in London on the 18 September. It was well attended and made available live over their web pages. Key achievements set out by Sir Malcolm Grant included:-

The Urgent and Emergency Care Review – a blueprint for an overhaul of the emergency care system to help hospital Accident and Emergency departments meet demand and tackle waiting time pressures.

Compassion In Practice – We launched a three-year vision and strategy for nursing, midwifery and care staff called the 6Cs: care, compassion, competence, communication, courage and commitment – the core values and behaviours essential to providing great care.

NHS 111 – Now available in 100 per cent of the country, it directs you to the right local service, first time. Around one million people a month use it, with 96 per cent of calls answered in less than 60 seconds

Friends and Family Test (FFT) – The biggest assessment of patient opinion ever conducted by the NHS or any health service in the world has seen more than three million individual pieces of patient feedback collated in our first year, allowing frontline staff to make immediate, clear, dynamic and demonstrable improvements to services.

7-Day Services – in an unprecedented move that makes England a world leader and places the NHS at the cutting edge of health provision, we took a massive step towards rolling out 7-Day Services in all hospitals over the next three years.

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/2014/09/18/future-foundations/>

4.0 Priorities for the coming months

Monitor, NHS England and the Trust Development Authority have written to all CCGs and copied to all Local Authority Chief Executives a short letter setting out the priorities for the immediate next few months, (A/E, 18 week standards, diagnostic waits, cancer waits and all ambulance targets) and to announce that in “early December” we will expect to receive the planning guidance for 2015/16. There is an emphasis on systems “working together” on their plans. Finally, they advise that in October they will publish the Five Year Forward View for the NHS. We will undoubtedly be considering that in Governing Body upon its release, albeit recognising that many of the themes it is likely to contain we have been familiar with for a while.

5.0 Recommendations

The Governing Body is asked to note the report.

Ian Atkinson
Accountable Officer
September 2014