SUMMARY OF BOARD PAPERS – STATUTORY BODIES

HEALTH EDUCATION ENGLAND – 17 OCTOBER 2017

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Chief executive's report

- Health Education England (HEE) and the Higher Education Funding Council for England published the bidding document for the allocation of 1,000 additional medical training places (deadline for bids is 23 November 2017).
- NHS England has agreed to continue funding the national Targeted Enhanced Recruitment scheme in 2018.
- NHS Leadership Academy will move towards a model of national design and quality assurance, but local delivery.
  - The Academy has launched the Clinical Executive Fast Track Talent Scheme for senior clinicians.

Performance report

- While 85% of HEE's overall programme delivery is on-track, HEE remains focussed on challenges including:
  - Attracting sufficient trainees into GP training to meet mandate requirements
  - Specialist nursing post-registration training
    - HEE is undertaking an in-depth review of the nursing journey and routes into specialist nursing.
  - Insufficient doctors recruited into speciality training to meet future demand for consultants
    - As at 26 September 2017, medical recruitment fill rates were 84.8% overall. Further recruitment is under way to fill remaining vacancies in Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, General Practice and Anaesthesia.
  - Risks relating to the delivery of the Mental health Five Year Forward View and Workforce Plan due to no single organisation holding all of the levers necessary to produce the required workforce.
  - Fewer paramedics were recruited than planned in 2016/17 (80.9% of the target).
- Nursing Associate test sites are maintaining good progress and are enthusiastic for further cohorts.
- HEE has worked with Department for Education, Department of Health and the Nursing and Midwifery Council to deliver the Nursing Associate apprentice standard.
- GMC national trainee survey shows a slight decrease from last year in overall trainee satisfaction at 79.3%.

Realignment of LETB boundaries

- In 2015, HEE consulted on reducing the 13 Local Education and Training Boards (LETBs) to four regional ones.
- The Board received a proposal to enact the geographical reconfiguration of the London and South regions in order to align the HEE regional footprints with those of NHS England and NHS Improvement and to reflect the NHS and social care landscape following the introduction of STPs and Local Workforce Action Boards (LWABs).

Corporate risk register

- UCAS data shows there is a risk that there will be an insufficient supply of new learning disability (LD) nurses available to the system and an insufficient picture of the current LD workforce due to lack of data.
  - Mitigating actions include an accelerated graduate pre-registration nursing programme for LD and mental health (previously announced as Nurse First Programme) and the creation of a task and finish group to explore potential solutions.
- HEE also identified a significant risk as not having the necessary data to adequately support workforce planning and meet the recommendations of the National Audit Office report (Feb 2016) to create a single data collection.

CARE QUALITY COMMISSION – 18 OCTOBER 2017

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Chief executive's report

- CQC published its report on the state of health care and adult social care for 2016/17 (see our briefing for detail).
  - Overall, the report explained that the quality of care has been maintained despite the very real demand, access and cost challenges facing the system, thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff and leaders.
  - However, future quality is precarious, so long-term solutions are needed, particularly in adult social care and mental healthcare, alongside better coordination of services, to secure a sustainable health and care system.
- CQC has published quality of care in a place reports on Cornwall and the London Borough of Sutton.
- CQC has completed three of the programme of 20 targeted reviews in local authority areas: Halton, Bracknell Forest and Stoke on Trent. Halton's report was published on 12 October 2017 and next in the series are Hartlepool, and Manchester and Trafford.
- The National Audit Office has published a report into CQC. While the NAO found improvements, CQC's main challenge is to develop digital systems and capabilities to support a move to a more intelligence driven and risk based approach to regulation.
  - CQC will agree the action plan in response to the NAO's recommendations at the December board meeting.
- CQC is publishing a report on 19 October 2017 on the quality and accessibility of children and young people's mental health services. A national report will be published in spring 2018.
- The Board received an update on CQC's performance report (August 2017). The performance annex summarises the key monthly operational indicators, and highlights include:
  - Year to date there have been 697 hospital core service (or equivalent) inspections.
  - There was a slight decline in performance against the CQC's commitment to publish 90% of inspection reports within 50 working days (65 for Hospitals reports with three or more core services) in August.
  - While there has been a decline in month-on-month published or completed enforcement activity (428 in 2017/18), there has also been an increase in enforcement actions in progress (2,661 at the end of August).
  - Potential underspend on the full year revenue budget continues to increase.

National patient experience survey programme strategy

- The Board received an update on the proposal to replace the existing paper-based National Patient Experience Survey programme with a digital collection method, and to extend the coverage of the surveys over new care models as appropriate. This strategy aims to reduce the costs of running the programme for trusts and allow the CQC to potentially increase the frequency and sample sizes with minimal cost impact.
- CQC is proposing to undertake a series of pilots in acute and community mental health providers.
- As the electronic format develops, CQC will consider moving the survey programme delivery to NHS Digital.

Digital and intelligence strategy

- The Board received an update on the Digital and Intelligence work programme, its priorities and outcomes.
  - Over the past nine months, CQC has progressed the delivery of a platform for the Provider Information return by November 2017, the design of a digital register that will go live in July 2018 and the creation of an Evidence Collection programme to better capture local soft intelligence from inspectors. CQC are also developing a solution to make sharing and integrating data between partner organisations easier.
- Priorities for 2018/19 include the creation of a data lake for unstructured data, migrating data to and rolling out cloud-based solutions, and enabling access to new reporting tool.

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