



PRESS STATEMENT

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NHS Providers welcomes the CQC's move to more proportionate regulation

Commenting on the publication of the Care Quality Commission's strategy today (24 May 2016), Miriam Deakin, head of policy at NHS Providers, said:

"The direction of travel set out in the CQC's new five year strategy is welcome, as is the regulator's commitment to co-developing the finer details with the sector. Making better use of the information that comes from providers as well as the public will greatly improve confidence in the quality of care.

"NHS Providers has long called for a more proportionate and risk-based approach to regulation. Trusts will also recognise changes prompted by their feedback about improving the use of data to target the CQC's resources. We are particularly pleased to be engaging with trusts and the CQC as it develops its 'single shared view of quality' and the new use of resources measure with NHS Improvement.

"There is no doubt that the CQC faces an on-going challenge as it seeks to deliver its duties with considerably fewer resources, align its activities with other national bodies and keep pace with a fast moving health and care sector. As the strategy makes clear, finding the means to regulate new models of care and take account of greater collaboration across local health economies will be important.

"The CQC will no doubt wish to focus its energies on translating the principles set out in the strategy into actions which feel different at the frontline for providers – and ultimately for patients. In line with its strong tradition of engagement with the provider sector, we look forward to working with the CQC as it makes this strategy reality."

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Notes to editors

About NHS Providers

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