

JANUARY AWAY DAY AND BOARD MEETING

STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE PROVIDER SECTOR

There was an in-depth discussion on the current strategic context of the NHS. It was agreed that a paper will be prepared for the March board setting out options for where the narrative on the future of the NHS should be focused. It was also agreed that NHS Providers is prioritising the correct issues and that no change in direction is currently needed.

2017/18 BUSINESS PLAN

- **Membership structure** – changes to the membership bandings were agreed; a letter will be sent to members shortly explaining the new system and asking for comment.
- **Headline budget** – following scrutiny by the finance and general purposes committee, the headline budget for 2017/18 was approved subject to the addition of a section detailing cost efficiencies already achieved, particularly in relation to salaries over the last few years.
- **Business priorities** – the priorities set out in the draft business plan were noted.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW – BOARD COMPOSITION

A new structure for regional dialogue between board members and trust chairs and chief executives was approved. The details of how this will work in practice are now to be agreed and members informed.

NHS PROVIDERS' DIVERSITY

A paper setting out NHS Providers' internal approach to diversity issues was discussed and noted.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Chief executive's report – there was a detailed discussion on the current A&E crisis, NHS finances and key stakeholder relationships. The future direction of the annual conference and exhibition after this year will be considered at the May board meeting.
- Trustees' declaration of interests – the register of interests has been updated and was noted by the board.

FINANCE REPORT

The management accounts for the period ended 30 November 2016 were noted.

The next meeting of the NHS Providers board takes place on 1 March 2017