NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

A number of issues from the chief executive’s report were discussed in detail, including:

- **Finances** – there was a discussion on the level of risk to delivery of the 2016/17 financial targets for the provider sector. The board agreed NHS Providers’ current approach of striking a balance between welcoming the progress being made to reduce the deficit and highlighting the unsustainability of NHS finances.

- **STPs** – concerns were raised on the lack of clarity on governance, lack of public engagement, the unreasonable speed of the process and unrealistic financial targets. NHS Providers would seek to influence on all of these issues, whilst being supportive of the overall STP process. A useful meeting had taken place between a group of chairs and the chairs of three ALBs to discuss governance.

ISSUES RAISED BY BOARD TRUSTEES

- **The Carter review** – there was a discussion on the current status of this work.

- **Agency data** – it was agreed that NHS Providers will liaise with NHS Improvement to see if the data collected can be shared with trusts to inform and support their work in this area.

- **Junior doctors** – there was a discussion on the implementation of the new contract.

- **CQC** – a trustee raised the problems faced by having to wait too long for a re-inspection, particularly those at the top end of “requires improvement”. Chris Hopson confirmed that NHS Providers was in the middle of conversations with CQC on this issue.

NHS CONFEDERATION

The board discussed a paper outlining the outcome of recent discussions with NHS Confederation and the development of a health and care partnership.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2015-16

The board approved the annual report and accounts for 2015-16.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The board welcomed the continuing very positive feedback on NHS Providers in both the qualitative and quantitative data coming from the survey.
MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

The board agreed that there was a need to protect membership income as the sector consolidates and that re-banding options should be investigated at the same time as demonstrating that efficiencies are being maximised. A more detailed proposal will be discussed at the January board meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

Finance and general purposes committee – the board approved the decision for NHS Providers to remain in its current premises given the lower than market value rent increase in 2017.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

The management accounts for the month ending 30 September were noted.

The next meeting of the NHS Providers board takes place on 11 January 2017