SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

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

- Junior doctors’ dispute – there was a discussion on how best to continue to influence the situation without losing the goodwill of the junior doctors while recognising growing concerns around patient safety. It was agreed that consideration would be given to preparing advice for chairs and chief executives on giving media interviews on the subject.
- 2017-19 financial planning – the board supported the executive’s plans to go public on the funding gap and in particular approved the draft newspaper article and letter to the chair of the health select committee.
- STPs – it was agreed that NHS Providers would continue publicly to set out concerns over STPs, including going ahead with several “think pieces” planned for the autumn. Chris Hopson would inform the board of any intention to escalate activity in this area.

ISSUES RAISED BY BOARD TRUSTEES

Concerns were raised over the re-procurement process for the 111 service.
It was noted that NHS Improvement planned to end the practice of appointing interims to chief executive posts by the start of the next financial year.
There was a brief discussion on health and social care integration.

BREXIT

The board discussed a paper setting out the approach being taken by NHS Providers in addressing the policy issues created as a result of Brexit. It was agreed that the implications for NHS workforce was the biggest issue. The board will be regularly updated on progress.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION UPDATE

The board is happy with the planning process for this year’s event. It was agreed that in future consideration should be given to addressing diversity issues in relation to the plenary sessions and attendees and to broadening the agenda by including input from other organisations such as local authorities and CCGs.

BUSINESS PLAN 2016-17 UPDATE

The board was satisfied with progress against the business plan so far for the year. There will be a further report at the next board meeting, to include further commentary on the work streams currently on amber as they are moved to green.
REPORTS FROM BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

- Finance and general purposes committee – there was no written report as the committee has not met recently. However, the management accounts to the end of July 2016 were noted and the chair of the committee indicated that he was content with the current financial situation.
- Governor policy board – There was a brief oral update on the recent meeting of the governor policy board.

The next meeting of the NHS Providers board takes place on 2 November 2016.