1. Integrated Performance Report

The Integrated Performance Report for 2016/17 (month 1) is attached at appendix 1. Each Director will highlight the key issues for the Board to note/consider.

2. Revised Arrangements – Health Education England

HEE have announced plans to better align workforce discussions, activity and solutions around local STP areas as part of delivering the Five Year Forward View.

To support the work of the STPs, in partnership with local leaders, they propose to bring together local partners to ensure key workforce issues are discussed by the right people, with the right knowledge, skills and information, in the right place, at the right time. These are designed to grow from existing local arrangements where they exist and will be known as Local Workforce Action Boards (LWABs).

To support LWABs, they are also seeking to align more effectively with Arm’s Length Body colleagues at the regional level by moving from the current 13 LETBs to 4 based on their regional boundaries of London and the South East; South; Midlands and East; and North. This will meet their statutory requirement to have a number of LETBs covering the whole of England and they will continue to have Independent Chairs. They will have responsibility for delivering an annual workforce investment plan and bringing together stakeholders across the NHS, local government, education and the broader health and care system to discuss workforce matters of mutual concerns and importance. The LETBs will also act as advisors and support to the HEE Board and LWABs in their patch.

Local HEE leaders will co-chair LWABs with a senior local STP leader and they will also provide a secretariat and broader staff support through their local teams. Whilst there will need to be core responsibilities, accountabilities and membership of the LWABs, they want to agree those and any other priorities with both local and ALB colleagues recognising that local flexibility is important as long as core requirements are met, especially with regards to accountability for public money.

It is anticipated that these new arrangements will be in place by 1 August 2016.

Sir Andrew Cash OBE
Chief Executive
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