

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2015/16 Planning Guidance

NHS England and Monitor have issued their planning guidance for 2015/16 which builds upon the Five Year Forward View which was published in October 2014.

The requirement to submit 2 year operational plans and 5 year strategic plans has been replaced with the need to only submit an Operational Plan for 2015/16.

However, NHS organisations are required to submit a draft plan by 27 February 2015 with submission of full plans by 10 April 2015. Contracts are expected to be signed by 11 March 2015 including mediation, if required, and in order to facilitate this a weekly contract tracker must be submitted, starting on 29 January 2015.

Whilst further guidance on the four models of care proposed in the 5 year forward view is still awaited, NHS England is requesting that local organisations or areas wishing to become a “first cohort” site express an interest by Monday, 2 February 2015.

The following documents are attached for information:

- Five Year Forward View
- The Forward View into Action: Planning for 2015/16
- Guidance on 2015/16 Annual Planning Review for NHS Foundation Trusts
- Better Care Fund Policy Framework

It is proposed that the Board considers the documents as part of further developing its future strategy and the plan for 2015/16 at the workshop to be held on 25/25 February 2015.

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