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Clinical Reference Board Meeting

Summary Report

24th March 2017

Present:		
Chair	Mandie Sunderland	Chief Nurse, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Chair, NHS Clinical Reference Board
Board Members:		
	Suzanne Banks	Chief Nurse, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Sandy Brown	Director of Nursing and Clinical Quality & Deputy Chief Executive, East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
	Dr Naomi Chapman	Clinical Lead, Clinical Evaluation Team
	Rose Gallagher	Head of Standards, Knowledge and Innovation, Royal College of Nursing
	Professor Suzanne Hinchliffe	Chief Nurse/Deputy Chief Executive, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Clare Linley	Director of Nursing, Leeds North CCG
	Dee Roach	Executive Director of Nursing and Quality, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust
Apologies:		
	Andy Brogan	Executive Director Mental Health and Executive Nurse, South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
	Geraldine Cunningham	Associate Director of Cultural Change, Barts Health NHS Trust
	Professor Greg Dix	Director of Nursing, Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust
	Shelley Dolan	Chief Nurse, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust
	Sally Fenwick	Dept of Health, CET Programme Manager
	Professor Nancy Fontaine	Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Nurse, The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust
	Siobhan Heafield	Regional Nurse Director, Midlands and East, NHS Improvement
	Justine Henson	Communications and Engagement Lead, Department of Health
	Michelle Norton	Director of Nursing, George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
	Christine Perry	Nursing Executive, Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
In attendance		
	Ian White	Programme Lead NCP, NHS Improvement. (Agenda Items 1&2)
	Liz Wright	Acting Clinical Products Lead, Department of Health
Customer Board Exec:		
	Louise Hillcoat	Stakeholder Manager, NHS Business Services Authority
	Debbie Pacey	Stakeholder Coordinator, NHS Business Services Authority

Part 1

1. Introduction

Members were welcomed to the meeting and thanked for attending despite severe travel disruption. Apologies were made for those unable to attend.

2. Update on Nationally Contracted Products and CET

2.1 Ian White gave an update on the Nationally Contracted Products (NCP) workstream within the Carter programme.

- NCP is one of eight workstreams, and each has been allocated two leads from within the NHS. The NCP leads are Gary Welch and Andy McMinn, both are heads of procurement.
- The first products to be launched under the NCP programme are Couch Rolls, which are anticipated to deliver a 16% savings figures (£940k). The next will be blunt fill drawing up devices, which should deliver a 28% saving (£1.1m).

2.2 Ian discussed the new National Procurement Forum (NPF), which is formed from one representative from each STP procurement area. The initial engagement had highlighted that there is scope for improved communication across different trusts and sharing best practice.

4. Minutes of last meeting – 13th January 2017

The minutes were agreed as a true record. The Chair explained that a summary of actions had been produced and that the majority had been worked on and closed since the last meeting, updates were provided to members.

5. Progress with Clinical Reference Board workplan; key priorities

5.1 Ambulance Service – Acute Sector standardisation project

Sandy Brown shared a comprehensive set of documents in the pre-read pack. He asked for thanks to be passed to Sally Fenwick for her strong support and acknowledged the wider support received from James Greaney at the NHSBSA and others.

Key points:

- MOUs have been signed to cross charge for electrode usage and there are links to the CET work, being led by Marc Naughton which will be published in June 2017.
- The aim is to identify one single product specification that can be used across acute and ambulance trusts.
- The electrodes study should be available for sharing by the end of May 2017 at which time the savings figure for the first three groups will be available and will most significantly be shown in the reduction in acute usage of electrodes, which translates into volume reduction savings

6.2 Summary of recent engagement with nursing community and active networks

Update provided by Rose Gallagher.

- Small changes, big differences project update - Three dates have been set for clinical procurement events to support the project (two in London at the RCN, and one in Sheffield). An email has been sent to each of the regional procurement networks for registration of their interest in procurement of continence products.
- RCN have developed a closed Facebook group for clinical nurse procurement network for those who use social media.
- New website pages have been completed and will be uploaded soon. The old RCN website will be archived at the end of March and the new site will be launched.
- The RCN will be visiting two GS1 sites to learn about its implementation from a nurse user point of view. They will visit Derby at the end of March and Plymouth at the end of April.

6.3 Clinical maturity matrix

The clinical procurement nurse network matrix has identified where specialist procurement nurse activity takes place within a trust and is a good source of information for national programmes to ensure that communications include this critical stakeholder group.

6.4 GS1 activity

- Suzanne Hinchcliffe gave an update on the GS1 activity in Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. A £800k saving has been declared so far realised through stock reduction and in clinical activity such as tray changes and sterilization processes.
- The trust is looking at how the Scan4Safety logo will be used, as well as locations for GLNs. The Trust has tested 25k locations within the organisation and many have been tested on wards with a view to expanding into other clinical areas.
- Phase 1 & 2 have been delivered compliantly and within budget.

7. NHS Clinical Evaluation Team (CET)

Members were provided with an update on CET progress.

- Two woundcare reports have been issued for Film Island Dressings & Gelling Fibre products.
- There have been some delays in issuing reports, mostly caused by challenges from the supplier base.
- The CET has increased the transparency of their process to support suppliers in their understanding of the testing criteria by publishing their process and test criteria on the website. They also share their findings with suppliers prior to publication of the report.

8. AOB

The Chair thanked the Board and closed the meeting. The next meeting is on 19th May 2017 in Birmingham.