

NHS Customer Board for Procurement and Supply Northern Customer Board Meeting 9th June 2017

KEY POINTS

Workstream updates

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Strategic issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCS is developing their workforce solutions and are keen to engage with Trusts to understand what is needed in the future so that agreements can be shaped to meet their needs.
Meeting the financial challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Supply Chain Savings: The Northern region is performing well, with the regional savings as a percentage of sales at 4.7% and is still the best performing region in the country. • NHS Supply Chain account managers are currently focussing on providing support to every acute Trust to show where switching via Compare and Save and the NCP programme will enable the greatest level of savings. • CCS: Spend through CCS has increased and trusts are better utilising the agreements available to them. • CCS is currently working on a number of new initiatives collaboratively with hubs and individual Trusts and have recently worked with NHS Trusts to save £9m on locum doctors. • Working Together Group – currently working on a joint workplan with acutes, mental health and community Trusts to realise savings of c£1.8m by working with NHS Supply Chain on sutures.
Developing the procurement function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCP programme: all details giving details of products already launched and timelines of future product launches are available via the NHS Supply Chain website. • The Model Hospital is up and running and will go into beta testing in July. • Capital: only 9/50 acute trusts in the Northern region have capital plans, MHS Supply Chain have capital planners available to assist trusts to develop their plans. • Shelford Group – the programme will be extended into two STPs. PSD events have had significant impact. Only one Trust within the group still has a procurement department that sits within the Trust, the others and moved into synchronizing procurement activity. • North East: Helen Lisle is working with CIPS and central associations on a two year plan to move towards MCIPS equivalent for higher education and MoD (CAP) to ensure the course for NHS procurement staff is more NHS focused.
Meeting the quality challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWPD/Greater Manchester are working closely with STPs to drive best practice and visibility of savings opportunities
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were appraised of the confidentiality and press management statement, with a request to not share trust level data more widely • FOM: The DH have recruited extra staff to enable them to visit all Trusts individually to explain how they will be affected by the FOM. Current engagement is via Trust DoFs and HoPs but the intention is to also engage with clinicians in the near future.
How we work as a Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Terms of Reference for the Northern Board were agreed by all members. SMART objectives will be inserted from the finalised iteration of the regional workplan. • The member representation map highlights areas where there is less representation on the board ; Cumberland & Westmorland. The Chair will review and consider where further representation is required and invite Trust representatives to the Board to address those gaps.