

**NHS Customer Board for Procurement and Supply
Clinical Reference Board Meeting 21st July 2017**

Category	Key updates
Strategic issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DH is hosting a call regarding the structure of procurement within trusts. • The CET has been integrated into the ICC design process and will be part of the directorate going forward. The governance of product assurance sits within the ICC but product evaluation will sit within the category towers.
Meeting the financial challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed the possibility of a more rapid evaluation to support Trusted Customers and national savings programmes. The proposed process is based on the existing NHSCET evaluation process and offers a framework for Trusts to use for national clinical evaluation that falls outside of the NHSCET work plan. • A statement will be issued explaining how the NHSCET reports will be signed off for governance by the CRB. • The Ambulance Service Acute Sector standardisation project has had a very positive response to the electrodes programme across the East of England region. The programme is growing and evaluation will take place in three months to identify the savings and behavioural change which have taken place. • The RCN have been in discussions with NHS Supply Chain regarding traffic light stickers for use on products supplied via the national route, and to highlight the relative cost of those products.
Developing the procurement function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RCN is considering being involved in developing educational standards for clinical procurement practitioners which would be instrumental in protecting nurses who are involved in procurement. A one day economic assessment course will be held on 13th October 2017.
Meeting the quality challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scan4Safety at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is progressing with all wristbands now GS1 compliant, code scan has been introduced on each hospital location and products are being tracked from point of receipt through to use. • The Trust has also set up a model scan enabled ward for one week and used it as a tour/training demonstration as to how Scan4Safety works throughout the hospital.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RCN has launched a Facebook page for procurement network members. • The RCN is working with the NHSBSA to produce a document giving a headline summary of current procurement programmes, for use by directors of nursing as a resource tool. • Updates to the 'small changes big differences' website will be made to make it more user friendly.
How we work as a Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan and metrics are being developed for the board.