

NHS Customer Board for Procurement and Supply Clinical Reference Board Meeting 15th September 2017

Category	Key updates
Strategic issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DH will request a Clinical Lead from each Acute Trust to work with them on the implementation of the FOM. • The Product Assurance Strategy is due to be presented to the Shadow ICC Executive Management (SHIEM) Board shortly. The three main functions of the Product Assurance Team will be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Governance of product assurance; ii) Representation of the clinical and NHS/patient voice within the ICC and nationally; and iii) Clinically informed innovation and policy development.
Meeting the financial challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ambulance Service Acute Sector Electrodes standardisation project is progressing well with MOU's due to be in place soon. Next steps are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Standardising products across Ambulance Trusts (b) Consider roll-out across Ambulance & Acute Trusts (c) Move the pilot to Yorkshire, and other pilot areas (d) Consider other procurement & savings opportunities, e.g. <i>focusing on fuel with Community Trusts.</i>
Developing the procurement function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is progressing on the development of Educational Standards for clinical procurement practitioners which would be instrumental in protecting nurses who are involved in procurement.
Meeting the quality challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of legal challenges have been received concerning the clinical evaluation reports which have been published so far. A standard response will be drafted to clarify the process and governance of the reports which may impact on the original timescales for the publication of future reports. • More case studies have been received evidencing good practice and these will be uploaded on to the RCN website shortly.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of NHSI attendance at the regional boards was reiterated • A FOM survey was issued to 194 Heads of Procurement to assess the general understanding of the model. So far, 54 responses have been received (38%). The DH will use the comments received to produce a briefing pack/executive summary which will assist anyone explaining the FOM to colleagues. • It has been agreed that to widen the understanding of the work of the CET, a member of the team will attend each of the regional Customer Board meetings to provide and update. • The CET and Electrodes project have been put forward for an HCSA Award
How we work as a Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan has now been signed off by the Board and implementation will now start with regular updates provided to members • It has been agreed that to widen the understanding of the work of the CET, a member of the team will attend each of the regional Customer Board meetings to provide and update