NHS Customer Board for Procurement and Supply London Customer Board Meeting 20th September 2017

Category	Key updates
Strategic issues	 GS1 Programme update: Potential funding for additional demo sites. Healthcare conference on 21st & 22nd November. Trusts encouraged to secure organisational commitment and focus on key areas such patient wrist bands, location codes and data cleansing. A mapping process is nearing completion which maps existing Trusted Customers onto the FOM Towers to ensure that all sectors are included.
Meeting the financial challenge	 NHS Supply Chain have achieved £245m savings to end July, with £252m forecast by end of December with biggest drivers being Commitment Discounts and Net Price reductions Further work will be carried out by NHS Supply Chain to be address 'below target' areas, e.g. Compare & Save, NCP uptake (Blunt Fills) NCP - Vinyl and Latex have now completed the procurement process and the total volume has been awarded to HPC with £250k savings nationally ensuring 12 months price stability. Launch is due for 3rd November 2017 Capital – NHSSC savings are £33m ahead of the savings target with London performing well. A workshop is scheduled for 18th November in the London region CCS are working more closely with NHS owned collaboratives on initiatives such as mobile telephony and workforce and especially LPP in the London area as they are closer to customers and can provide scale of commitment and take customers to CCS.
Developing the procurement function	 A meeting will be held on 31st October for HoPs with NHSI and DH to look at what a Procurement Department should look like under the FOM. Suite of training courses to be made available. PSDN – Bart's Health NHS Trust is due to be assessed in October and peer reviewers have now been appointed
Meeting the quality challenge	• Shelford work on Sutures and Haemostats well-received with advice given by CET members on efficient roll-out to gain clinical acceptance e.g.: superficial sutures, by Speciality
Communications	 DH keen to engage with clinicians and Finance Directors in Phase 2 of their communications plan NHS Digital communications has been poor in relation to replacement network for N3. To explore better ways of working with Trusts, facilitated by CCS' health and social care network (HSCN) team.
How we work as a Board	 Agreement to review membership and frequency of meetings to ensure better attendance at meetings Considering approaching representatives from other sectors to join the Board, e.g. Ambulance Service Improvement Group focussing procurement and savings opportunities