

Dear Colleagues,

The Health Portfolio has been busy working towards our aim to take a 'Best for Scotland' approach in Laboratories, Medical Physics, Pharmacy Aseptic Dispensing, Public Health and Radiology. Since our last update in June we have had two papers signed off by the Board Chief Executives, held a number of workshops, collected and analysed lots of data, and continued our engagement with NHS Boards.

The progress we have made has been hugely dependent on the support we have had from colleagues like you across Scotland. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

Please share this update and get in touch with the team if you have any thoughts or questions.

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Laboratories Programme

The Laboratories Programme held a visioning workshop on 15th September 2016. It was attended by over 50 experts from areas including laboratories, front line clinical services, general management, Partnership and medical education. The workshop provided an opportunity to review the key drivers for change, identify the requirements and risks presented by a shared service approach, and begin to outline a vision for the future laboratory service in Scotland. Although the scope and complexity of the issues addressed at the workshop was challenging, it was a great success and feedback has been very positive. Outputs from the workshop will be used to inform a Positioning Paper due to be presented to the Board Chief Executives in November 2016 and planning is underway for a second workshop.

Initial workstreams have been identified to enable progression of the work, with two already underway:

1. National approach to data collection, reporting and benchmarking, which will deliver a credible dataset to accurately describe and compare various attributes of laboratory services across Scotland. A reference group is currently being formed to oversee this workstream, with the help from the networks and executive leads from each NHS Board
2. Digital pathology.

If you have any questions relating to the Laboratories Programme, or wish to attend future workshops, please contact sarahkelleher1@nhs.net.

Medical Physics Programme

The Medical Physics Programme is progressing with an initial focus on Clinical Engineering. Through engagement with key stakeholders, a national approach to Medical Equipment Management is being developed.

A Clinical Engineering Visioning workshop will take place on the 26th October 2016. The workshop is expected to inform the first draft of a Positioning Paper for consideration and endorsement by the Board Chief Executives in December 2016.

If you have any questions relating to the Medical Physics Programme, please contact david.moyle@nhs.net.

Pharmacy Aseptic Dispensing Programme

Excellent progress has been made with the approval of the Initial Agreement by the Board Chief Executives on the 9th August 2016.

The Aseptic Dispensing Programme Delivery Group has now been established and eight workstreams identified to support the development of a future service, including:

- Standardisation of product list and presentation
- National procurement of consumables
- Aseptic dispensing service configuration.

Workstream leads and deputies from across Scotland are in place and initial scoping meetings are complete. The workstreams will have finalised deliverables by the end of October 2016 and these will contribute to the Business Case due to be presented to the Board Chief Executives in April 2017.

A stakeholder workshop was held on the 21st September 2016 to define the eight workstreams. Outputs are now being used to refine the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and contact is being made with local initiatives relevant to the programme.

If you have any questions about the Pharmacy Aseptic Dispensing Programme or would like to get involved, please contact Kim.Walker8@nhs.net.

Public Health Programme

In taking forward the Public Health Programme, the combined team from the Scottish Public Health Network and the NHSScotland Shared Services Portfolio having been continuing to engage with stakeholders.

Two engagement questionnaires have been issued to stakeholders, completed and returned:

- Questionnaire 1 focused on whether certain functions and services should be provided and at what level they should be planned and delivered
- Questionnaire 2 requested that stakeholders reflect on and identify possible future change and development options for Public Health delivery. The aim was to encourage ambitious, “out of the box” ways of thinking about how Public Health is planned, co-ordinated and delivered.

An engagement workshop took place on the 21st July 2016 to understand and define potential opportunities for taking a Shared Services approach in Public Health. This was consolidated by a further stakeholder engagement workshop in August 2016. The aim of the workshops was to scope and confirm the parameters of the Programme and help foster ownership. Over 60 stakeholders representing the wide range of agencies and organisations which participated in the 2015 Public Health Review were in attendance.

The outputs from the questionnaires and workshops will inform a Positioning Paper which will be presented to the Board Chief Executives in November 2016.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please email NSS.SharedServicesHealthPortfolio@nhs.net

Radiology Programme

The Radiology team is delighted to announce that the National Radiology Model Strategic Document was approved by the Board Chief Executives in August 2016. This document can be found at: <http://www.sharedservices.scot.nhs.uk/health-portfolio/programmes/radiology/>.

The next stage is to produce a business case for capital investment to enable Information Technology (IT) Connectivity, which will allow cross boundary working and for the development of a Radiology Datamart. A data collection exercise is underway to support the development of this business case. A phased approach will be taken to achieving a comprehensive Radiology dataset including a common dataset, definitions and fields:

- Phase 1: extract the current data from Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS)
- Phase 2: link this with centrally held data
- Phase 3: extract data within Radiology Information Systems (RIS).

The national Radiology Reporting Framework contract (NP188/16) began on the 19th September 2016 and will be in place for two years, with the option to extend for a further two years. The framework is available for all NHS Boards in Scotland to use and covers remote and on-site radiographer and radiologist reporting, in addition to out of hours reporting. If you require any further information please contact Kate Henderson, Commodity Manager (email: kate.henderson3@nhs.net, phone: 0131 275 6380).

Other ongoing activities within the Radiology Programme include: engagement with North of Scotland Planning Group (NoSPG) to explore how the National Radiology Model may be implemented and working with HR colleagues to scope role utilisation and flexibility to work across NHS Board boundaries. Specific priorities within this workstream will include maximising the role of the Reporting Radiographer.

If you have any questions about the Radiology Programme or would like to get involved please contact fiona.agnew1@nhs.net.