

NHS Supply Chain National Advisory Board - Key Messages July 2024

Key points

Feedback and Escalations from the Regions

- The financial challenge remains the most significant priority across all the regions.
- Resource constraints and ability to retain staff continues to cause significant challenge.
- Positive feedback received on the contract launch improvement project.
- Positive feedback on the savings team update, additional confidence still needs to be built.
- Ask for NHS Supply Chain to be more assertive with standardisation on certain product categories.
- Concerns how the transparency requirements for the Procurement Act 2023 will be managed.
- Systems need NHS Supply Chain to deliver both tactical savings as well as longer term VBP.

NHSE Update

- Jacqui Rock, Preeya Bailie and Fiona Hilton attended regional trust CEO meetings to discuss the Strategic Framework, the Procurement Act 2023 and the Efficiencies programme.
- The CCF steering board is being used to gain consensus for approval from NHSE and the whole system. All outputs are being shared on the collaborative hub to enable better communication.
- Details of who has completed the Procurement Act training is being logged and will be shared.
- David Lawson is owning VBP from a Med Tech perspective, he is pulling together a wide range of stakeholders to support this activity.
- The Learning and Development team are rolling out a pilot which involves training for circa 90 Materials Management colleagues, the ambition is to roll this out on scale.

NHS Supply Chain Priority Projects for 24/25

- Embed the Operating Model changes and conclude the re-tendering and transition of IT and logistics providers.
- Oracle Fusion, a new cloud based financial system is being implemented to drive efficiencies.
- Inventory Management Systems will continue to be deployed; the aim will be to have at least one operational area live by the end of Q3.
- An end-to-end supply chain and IT modernisation strategy will be designed.
- Gorse Point transition will be complete by mid-July, positive customer feedback received.
- The Digital platform aspirations are scaling up, aiming to be transactional by the end of 24/25.
- Reviewing NHS Supply Chain's estates strategy to ensure that colleagues are in the right place to better engage with customers.

NHS Supply Chain IT and Supply Chain Modernisation

- This is a revised end to end future supply chain strategy, to maximise efficiency and resilience, and support growth. The initial phase will focus on designing the strategy including changes to the wider operation and logistics infrastructure, and the IT roadmap to migrate off legacy technology.
- This project will be anchored on the service offer proposition work which was developed with customers as this represents what the system needs from NHS Supply Chain.

Delivery of Value - Commercial

An overview of the how the commercial team are driving improvements and delivering value in 24/25 was provided. A forecast of anticipated inflation and savings delivery was provided, NHS Supply Chain expects to deliver its target figure of net £71m of savings.

Value Based Procurement

The Board had a discussion around how they could work collectively to support the adoption of VBP opportunities across the system to ensure longer term financial stability for the NHS.