

NHS Supply Chain National Advisory Board - Key Messages March 2023

Key points

- 1.0 Sara Ford provided an update on the Target Operating Model process. A similar update was shared in the combined regional meeting on 7th March and feedback from Regional Chairs was positive. Colleagues supported clearly articulating the future vision and timescales. In terms of progress with procurement for the new model;
 - Food Buy and NOECPC have been selected as providers for the two remaining outsourced non-medical categories, both are incumbents but the new model simplifies these relationships.
 - Procurement for the Logistics contract is with Cabinet Office Ministers panel and due to be signed off very soon.
 - ICT procurement is slightly further behind and currently with NHSE.
- 2.0 Matt Wynn provided an update on the technology transformation programme taking place at NHS Supply Chain. He talked about the key risks within the technology and systems, the longer term objectives and short term activities designed to provide more immediate improvements. NHS Supply Chain will engage with the NHS in advance of system changes to enable closer collaboration.
- 3.0 Andrew New referred to current plans for 2023/2024 which are in the pre-read pack. They are being shared for information and welcome comments and feedback. There were no additional comments in the meeting.
- 4.0 The Chair led a discussion on current challenges and priorities within the NHS. Key points included;
 - The financial position of the NHS is significantly challenging, potentially more so than at any other time. The Chair is anticipating in the next 4-6 weeks trusts will be looking for significant non-pay savings.
 - The Hewitt review will potentially impact the organisation of supply chains, making it a more coherent service. The ambition should be for a fully encompassing supply chain model where everyone can see how the system fits together.
 - NHS Supply Chain has a role to help the NHS understand how to make sense of the model and the future. In the mean time NHS Supply Chain needs to share more of the positive stories about what is being done. Further engagement will be done with the NHS to share future plans and timescales and listen to thoughts and comments.

