

Dear Colleague

Driving Improvement, Delivering Results – The Scottish Healthcare Science National Delivery Plan 2015 - 2020

Summary

The National Delivery Plan (NDP) for the Healthcare Science Professions – available here <http://www.gov.scot/healthcare-science-national-delivery-plan> which was launched on 11 May 2015, sets out service improvement programmes that will deliver high-quality, sustainable health and care services for Scotland.

Background

The Scottish Government consulted with the workforce and a range of stakeholders in 2014 on the development of this Scottish Healthcare Science National Delivery Plan. A series of potential proposals over a number of work streams was presented, with 87% of respondents supporting the proposals. The five improvement programmes developed have been aligned with the ambitions of the 2020 Vision, making visible the added value that healthcare science brings to the delivery of our 'Triple Aim' for public services in Scotland.

Action

The National Delivery Plan requires each NHS Board to have an accountable Healthcare Science Professional Lead who is responsible for the deliverables set out in the plan. This level of leadership is required to drive and sustain the transformational service level change required to ensure the national improvement programmes success.

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The NDP applies to all Healthcare Scientists across Scotland; it provides a framework for improvement programmes that will take their place within the national culture of improvement in Scotland. The programmes are:

- Streamlining health technology management, to deliver a high-quality, sustainable, coherent and whole-systems approach to the management of health technology.
- Point-of-care-testing, to ensure appropriate roll out and clinical governance.
- Demand optimisation to reduce unnecessary testing across primary and secondary care.
- Developing sustainable services to explore new and developing healthcare science roles that support areas of service pressure and have the potential to free-up medical capacity.
- A new integrated model for clinical physiology services to develop a sustainable integrated service model to enhance clinical physiology service delivery and quality.

It will be essential that each NHS Board strengthens and positions appropriately a 'Healthcare Science Professional Lead' as the accountable officer for implementation of the NDP and ensures they receive the corporate support they require, to successfully implement the deliverables of the NDP.

NHS Boards, in partnership will need to develop local implementation plans by the end of 2015/16, identifying how they intend to deliver and evidence the outcomes of the NDP.

Support and monitoring

- a set of resources to support implementation of the plan will be developed and disseminated by the office of the Chief Health Professions' Officer
- The Chief Health Professions' Officer's team will monitor implementation and continue to provide support.

Yours sincerely

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