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Dear Chief Executives

Additional information for the 2015/16 Planning Package

In December 2014, we shared the 2015/16 Planning Package with the sector. While some areas of guidance are still being finalised, we now have some additional information we can share to help DHBs finalise their plans.

System Integration (including shifting services closer to home and IPIF)

Guidance is provided under System Integration on shifting services closer to home and the Integrated Performance and Incentive Framework (IPIF). This guidance includes confirmation of the system level measures for IPIF, but the targets for these measures and some of the data sources are yet to be confirmed. Further advice will be provided as soon as possible.

Health Targets

We can confirm the following Health Targets for 2015/16:

- Shorter Stays in Emergency Departments
- Faster Cancer Treatment
- Increased Immunisation
- More Heart and Diabetes Checks.

Some technical adjustments have been confirmed for the Better Help for Smokers to Quit Target. These adjustments affect the maternity and primary care indicators. More detailed information is available in the target definition and the Planning Priorities guidance document.

Some technical amendments to the Improved Access to Elective Surgery Target definition have been agreed, which will take effect in 2015/16. Details will be notified along with the Electives funding advice, once confirmed.

National Entity Priority Initiatives

Further indicative information on the National Entity Priority Initiatives (including proposed narrative inclusions for the plans) is provided in the Planning Priorities guidance document. This information is currently being looked at by the Health Sector Forum and is conditional on Ministerial approval.

Financial benefit impact information for the National Health IT Board and Health Quality and Safety Commission initiatives was sent to DHBs on 5 February 2015. Financial information on the shared service initiatives (Food Services, Linen and Laundry Services, National Infrastructure Platform, and Finance Procurement and Supply Chain) has not been shared, but will be provided to DHBs as it becomes available.

Obesity as an Emerging Priority

Obesity has been identified as an emerging priority to reflect the Minister's Letter of Expectations. Some guidance on what should be included in the plan is specified in the Planning Priorities document.

Social Sector Trials

Guidance is provided in the Planning Priorities document on expected actions DHBs should take to support Social Sector Trials operating in their area.

Other Updates

Some other slight adjustments have been made to the guidance and these, as well as the additional information outlined above, is summarised at the beginning of the Planning Priorities document.

Next Steps

We would appreciate it if DHBs reflect as much of the additional information above as possible in their first draft plans. We anticipate that those areas that are a continuation of activities from 2014/15 should be relatively simple to incorporate in the first draft plans, but acknowledge that new expectations may need more work.

Further information will be provided to DHBs as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely



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