

Agenda item:	4.1
Report title:	NHS England progress update
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Action:	To note

Executive summary

The attached report updates the Board with the latest information on the progress of revalidation in England.

Recommendation

The Revalidation Advisory Board is asked to note the progress update from NHS England.

NHS England progress update

Medical Revalidation NHS England's progress update:

- NHS England welcomed Sir Keith Pearson's review of revalidation as a clear distillation of what has been achieved in establishing revalidation, where we are now and what needs to happen next. Our response to the report addresses the 5 key priorities identified by the GMC before going on to address all of the recommendations in the report.
- Following the completion of the 2015/16 Annual Organisational Audit (AOA) data collection exercise, the Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) report was published on NHS England's website on 2 November 2016. The report, the third of its kind, details the state of England-wide implementation of medical revalidation, and provides a rich source of data on the complexities of healthcare provision, not only within the NHS, but also across England in the independent sector, voluntary sector, locum agencies and government bodies. The report can be found through accessing the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/revalidation/qa/> We are now preparing for the launch of the 16/17 AOA exercise, which is scheduled to go live at the beginning of April 2017 and will cover the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.
- The Framework of Quality Assurance for Responsible Officers and Revalidation (FQA) main document has been slightly updated to reflect the refresh of its supporting guidance, Annex F (Higher Level Responsible Officer Quality Review), formally known as Independent verification. Both refreshed documents were published on NHS England's website in December 2016 and can be found through accessing the link below: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/revalidation/qa/>
- The summary outcomes that emerged from the locum agency workshop held on 10 October 2016 have been developed into a paper outlining proposed key principles (Skipton House Principles). The paper has been submitted for approval and once agreed, the intention is to share the principles more widely. We are also beginning some work with the key Frameworks to align processes and improve governance and communication. We will ensure this work is aligned to the outcomes from the Pearson Review.
- The four regions are continuing with their regular responsible officer and appraisal network meetings. Further information on the dates and locations of the meetings

can be found from the regional revalidation leads though accessing the following link on NHS England's Revalidation website:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/revalidation/about-us/>

- NHS England's appraisal lead conference is taking place in London on Tuesday 21 February. The theme of the conference is "Supporting our doctors, protecting our patients".
- Work on the Rtc audit recommendations continues. Lightning Arc has been agreed as the national case management system and an implementation plan to ensure that all offices are on line and staff required to do so have user accounts is now complete. The implementation of Lightning Arc and its consistent use across NHS E will of course cover a number of the audits recommendations. In addition, work to refresh the Framework for managing performer concerns and the Toolkit has commenced.
- NHS England responsible officers have produced a joint statement for General Practitioners on the theme of simplifying appraisal preparation, with a view to minimising the burden of documentation, and developing the theme of professional development whilst at the same time meeting GMC revalidation requirements. Following production of the statement, a draft version for other designated bodies to share with their appraisers and doctors has been circulated for comments.