Meeting: NHS Benchmarking Network Annual General Meeting

Date: 28ᵗʰ September 2022

Meeting held via MS Teams

1) Welcome & Introduction

Haydn Jones (HJ) Co-Chair of the Network welcomes all delegates to the AGM, and comments on the largest AGM attendance to date.

HJ runs through the agenda and introduces fellow presenters; Sam Wilde (Co-Chair) and Helen Rushforth (Treasurer). Confirmation from Emma Pruce (EP), Communications & Events Manager that no questions raised prior to the meeting.

The Network support team provide their email contact details in the chat function and encourage questions.

2) Co-Chair's report

HJ delivers the Co-Chairs report. No comments or actions raised. Report agreed.

3) Membership report

Helen Rushforth (HR) Treasurer of the Network delivers the Membership report. HR expresses positivity surrounding coverage of sectors and geographical areas, and the continuous efforts to support more ICBs with membership.

Benjamin Butterworth, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust, enquires about other NHSBN member children's specialist providers with whom to network. Kim Burton (KB) Membership Manager confirms Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust, and Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust are Network members. Kirsten Windfuhr (KW), Associate Director advises that we collect data from specialist children's hospitals within benchmarking projects.

Jason Hollidge, Norfolk & Waveney ICB, shares positive experience of working with NHSBN on the ICS pilot project, which looks at the impacts of UEC in the community, mental health, and acute sectors.

No further comments or actions raised. Report agreed.

4) Treasurer's report

HR delivers the Treasurer's report. HR states that the Network will be exploring options to reduce the surplus held over the coming years, with an expectation that this will be invested into technological developments for the benefit of all members.

HR comments on the membership income from bespoke projects and maintained positive position.

HR advises the reduced spend on events budget following the move to webinars. HR informs delegates of the only upcoming in-person networking event and encourages sign up.

No comments or actions raised. Report agreed.

5) Steering Group membership report

Sam Wilde (SW) Co-Chair of the Network delivers the Steering Group membership report.

SW welcomes new Steering Group members to the Group and gratitude for their involvement. Later mention to Karen Rix who joined post-reporting period.

Special mention to Guy Rooney (Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), Mike McEnaney (Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust), and Dave Chapman (Northern Care Alliance NHS Group) for their contributions to the Network.

SW encourages any interested individuals to step forward if they would like to be involved in the Steering Group.

No further comments or actions raised. Report agreed.

6) Update on the Network's 2022/23 work programme

Sarah Atkinson (SA) Director of the Network delivers a presentation on the achievements to date and future opportunities for the Network.

Sue O'Kerwin, NHS Dorset ICB, requested further information on the South West ICB mental health services insights. KW to contact Sue O'Kerwin post-event.

Ray Elder, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust, comments on positive outcomes from being involved in NACEL audit, developing their palliative care service, new models of working, and shaping policy.

Further encouragement made for delegates to register for the Network's first in-person event being delivered in November.

SA shares her thanks for the Steering Group support and commitment from the NHSBN Support Team.

7) AOB

HJ concludes meeting at 15:00 with final thanks to SW, HR, Steering Group members, all who attended and members of the Network, as well as the NHSBN Support Team.

Meeting closed

Query post-meeting from Jas Basra, North East London NHS Foundation Trust on the opportunities of consolidating Health Education England data collections with NHSBN core projects, due to resource and duplication of efforts. KW advises similar feedback received from other individuals and will raise with HEE for future iterations.