



Minutes for CCP Meeting 7-10, 2 August 2010

ATTENDEES: Dame Janet Husband (JH) Alistair Brown (AB)
Peter Smith (PS) Catherine Davies (CD)
John Swift (JS) Kirsten Everett (KE)
John Wotton (JW) Tom Frusher (TF)
Andrew Taylor (AT) Luke Dealtry (LD)
Chris Pike (CP)
Renella Reumerman (RR)
Elspeth Wood (EW)
Holly Johnson (HJ)

APOLOGIES

Lord Carter of Coles, Laura Carstensen, Guy Beringer

Meeting commenced at 2 pm

PART A – NON-CASE SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening and minutes of previous meeting

JH opened the meeting as acting Chair in the absence of Lord Carter.

Minutes for the previous meeting were not available. It was agreed that these would be produced for the next Panel meeting.

2. Director's report (CCP01)

AT provided an overview of recent case developments, and upcoming cases at the CCP.

3. Policy update

TF led a discussion regarding policy developments, and in particular the White Paper on the NHS and the future of economic regulation in the NHS.

The Panel agreed that staff would prepare a paper capturing their thoughts and comments on the White Paper and the accompanying paper on Economic Regulation so that these could be provided to the Department of Health. It was agreed that Lord Carter would be consulted on the best way of providing these comments to the Department.

4. Competitive tendering for NHS services (CCP02)

LD provided a presentation on data that the CCP has collected on PCT tendering activity. It was agreed that this data would be written up into a form suitable for publication on the CCP's website.

5. Competition and choice in community services: the impact of expanding patient choice (CCP03)

AT led a discussion on how the introduction of any willing provider in community services – as foreshadowed in recent government announcements – might affect the CCP's analysis of mergers involving PCT provider arms. It was agreed that the CCP's methodology for analysing these mergers was not immediately affected, but that the issue would need to be kept under close review as further policy announcements could change this situation.

6. Review of anti-trust cases in US healthcare (CCP05)

HJ presented a review of US anti-trust cases in healthcare. It was agreed that the accompanying paper would be published on the CCP website in due course.

7. Any other business

None

PART B – CASE SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

[X]

Meeting concluded at 4.45pm