

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group  
Board Meeting

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> 31 January 2019	<b>Paper No:</b> 19/06
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<b>Title of Presentation:</b> EU Exit Operational Readiness
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<b>Is this paper for</b> (delete as appropriate)	<b>Discussion</b>	✓	<b>Decision</b>	✓	<b>Information</b>	✓
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<b>Purpose and Executive Summary (if paper longer than 3 pages):</b> To provide oversight and reassurance to the Board that the organisation and wider health and care system are undertaking the necessary actions to prepare for EU exit without a ratified deal.
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<b>Financial Implications of Paper:</b> None
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<b>Action Required:</b> The Board is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note the contents of the report</li><li>• Agree the appointment of the Director of Governance as the Senior Responsible Officer</li><li>• Note that no significant risks have been identified for OCCG</li></ul>
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<b>NHS Outcomes Framework Domains Supported</b> (please delete tick as appropriate)
<input type="checkbox"/> Preventing People from Dying Prematurely
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing Quality of Life for People with Long Term Conditions
<input type="checkbox"/> Helping People to Recover from Episodes of Ill Health or Following Injury
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring that People have a Positive Experience of Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Treating and Caring for People in a Safe Environment and Protecting them from Avoidable harm

<b>Equality Analysis Outcome:</b> Not applicable
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**Link to Risk:**

796 - Emergency Planning

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## **EU Exit Operational Readiness**

### **1 Background**

On 21 December the Department of Health and Social Care wrote to all providers and commissioners of health and care services in England sharing EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance. This guidance sets out the local actions to be taken to prepare for EU exit without a ratified deal. This will ensure organisations prepare for and can manage the risks in such a scenario.

### **2 The Guidance**

The guidance summarises the Government's contingency plans. All organisations receiving the guidance are advised to undertake local EU Exit readiness planning, local risk assessments and plan for wider potential impacts. In addition, the actions cover seven areas of activity in the health and care system to focus on:

- supply of medicines and vaccines
- supply of medical devices and clinical consumables
- supply of non-clinical consumables, goods and services
- workforce
- reciprocal healthcare
- research and clinical trials
- data sharing, processing and access

A high level overview of the actions within each of these sections is included below.

The Department has set up a national Operational Response Centre supported by regional and local level systems to enable support on local incidents and escalation as necessary.

In line with the Guidance, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) is linking with providers, the Local Health and Resilience Partnership and Local Resilience Forum to ensure a co-ordinated approach across the system. The A&E Delivery Board is also sighted on plans.

Each organisation is required to identify a Board member as the Senior Responsible Officer for EU Exit preparation. It is proposed that the Director of Governance fulfils this as part of the Accountable Emergency Officer role.

### **3 Action Planning Overview**

Below is an overview of the actions to be completed by all commissioners. All provider organisations have been asked to complete a similar set of actions.

#### Supply of Medicines and Vaccines

- promoting the message to GP practices and pharmacists not to stockpile medication or write longer prescriptions for patients
- sharing arrangements to allow local and regional monitoring of stock levels.

#### Supply of Medical Devices and Clinical / Non Clinical Consumables

- promoting the message to GP practices, pharmacists and care homes not to stockpile clinical and non-clinical consumables beyond business as usual stock levels.

#### Workforce

- publicising the EU Settlement Scheme to staff and ensuring providers share with their staff who are EU citizens
- monitoring the workforce impact of EU exit internally and within primary and secondary care providers

#### Professional Registration

- informing health and care staff of processes for professional qualifications

#### Reciprocal Healthcare

- promoting message that Trusts should maintain focus on correctly charging those who should be charged directly for NHS care.

#### Research and Clinical Trials

- ensuring providers take appropriate steps to share details of grants through appropriate channels

#### Clinical Trials and Clinical Investigations

- supporting providers to respond to assessments on expected impact
- support providers to participate in / recruit to clinical trials

#### Data Sharing, Processing and Access

- investigate reliance on transfers of personal data from the EU to the UK
- ensure completion of Data Security and Protection Toolkit assessment

A comprehensive action plan has been drawn up to ensure all necessary preparations are undertaken. This will be monitored and updated as further guidance is received.

## **4 Risk Assessment**

An initial risk assessment has been undertaken for OCCG with no significant risks identified. A risk assessment has been carried out by NHS England SE (HTV) which identifies three high level risks all linked to potential shortages of pharmaceutical products and clinical consumables. These are being mitigated by the national plans around stockpiling of medication and increased capacity and prioritisation of medication.

The Board is asked to

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