

**Date** 10 December 2020

**Title of paper** Delegated Statutory Functions Overview Report 2019/20

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**Recommendation**

For **Approval**

For **Noting**

### **Introduction/Background**

The attached report provides an overview of the issues emerging from the delegated statutory functions reports provided by each Trust for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Trusts report annually in a specified format on the full range of Delegated Statutory Functions, and every six months on any emerging issues, risks developing or issues identified in oversight meetings. These updates incorporate reporting on corporate parenting responsibilities as set out in the DoH Circular OSS 1/2018.

### **Issue**

The Composite Report outlines the issues as presented by each Trust and an analysis of these with actions to address challenges as appropriate. The Board continues to work collaboratively with the Trusts through a Governance Forum to address quality and consistency in DSF reporting and to take forward actions to strengthen social care governance at a Trust and regional level.

The HSCB has agreed an action plan with each Trust to support areas for improvement and progress on these is being monitored through local meetings between Board and Trust staff. Below is a summary of areas reported by the Trusts to be addressed during the next reporting period 2020-2021. As a number of challenges are regional, the HSCB will work alongside the Trusts and the DoH to agree priorities going forward with clear actions agreed.

#### **Adult Services**

- Workforce;
- Data issues in relation to Carers, Hospital Social Work and Adult Safeguarding;
- Adult Safeguarding

- Domiciliary Care;
- Care Homes;
- Mental Capacity Act;
- Continuing Healthcare

**Children’s Services**

- Workforce;
- Children with complex needs, inc. placement needs, domiciliary care and community supports;
- Unaccompanied Minors;
- Placement availability for Looked After Children;
- Lack of investment in CAMHS;
- Transition of children to Adult Mental Health/Learning Disability services;

Overall, Trusts report increased pressures due to rising demand and complexity of need across all Programmes of Care. The issue of workforce, recruitment and retention continues to present significant challenges for each Trust and the Departmental led workforce review will inform how the issues in workforce can be addresses and improved going forward.

It should be noted that the report is supplemented by the full statistical report (attached). This provides the data for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and incorporates trend analysis where possible.

**Recommendation:**

The Board Meeting is asked to approve this report.

**Funding Requirements N/A**

**Assessments**

Equality Screening Assessment	Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rural Needs Assessment	Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Signed** | Marie Roulston  
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