

Minutes of the

**SBRI Healthcare Finance Audit & Risk Committee Teleconference, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**For agreement**

Present		Representing
Anna King	(AK)	South London AHSN (Chair)
Cynthia Bullock	(CB)	Innovate UK SBRI Health & Social Care Lead
Andrew Cheesman	(AC)	NHS England Finance Representative
Karen Livingstone	(KL)	SBRI Healthcare Lead Director, Eastern AHSN
David Connell	(DC)	SBRI Expert and Industry Representative
In Attendance		Representing
Anne Blackwood	(AB)	Health Enterprise East, Management Support
Penny Richold	(PR)	Health Enterprise East Admin Manager (Minutes)

**AGENDA:**

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Apologies: Chris Hart, Joop Tanis</p>	
3.	<p><b>NHS England update</b></p> <p>KL gave an update on the newly executed contract with NHS England which covers the programme for the next 6 months. The contract covers existing funding commitments and stipulates no new competitions will be launched in this financial year.</p> <p>There is still a Lack of clarity regarding the Mental Health and Surgery competition. NHS England have provided funding but not confirmed that progress can be made with awarding these contracts.</p> <p>NHS England have expressed a need for the SBRI programme to complete all its awards and dispersals within one financial year.</p> <p>NHS England indicated they are content that the SBRI programme gives a substantial return on investment as evidenced in the Benefits review, the Rand report, audits and the Connell report, but has indicated they will test that the programme is being run in the most cost-effective way in the re-procurement of the contract.</p> <p>The committee agreed that further delays in the re-procurement process and the contracting of funds could be highly detrimental to the programme. There are currently Phase 2 interviews planned for August and these contracts are scheduled to run into the next financial year.</p>	

	<p><b>Action:</b> Create a gantt chart which shows a timeline of SBRI activities over the coming year.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Finance chart displaying the use of funds in relation to the 6-month extension contract.</p> <p>NHS England’s intention is to give clarity at the beginning of this financial year regarding the re-tendering of the administrative contract of the programme. They feel that the EU research exemption will narrow and simplify the procurement process. Ideally NHS England would like to move away from Papworth due to the irrecoverable VAT issue. They would like that money to go towards running the programme.</p> <p>The FAR committee outlined that the management board and oversight given by the AHSNs is a separate set of governance arrangements to those delivering the administration of the programme.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Contact NHS England to propose a small group from FAR, Management Board and AHSN’s to give an independent view and guidance on longer term planning of the programme.</p> <p>FAR Committee recommends that Phase 2’s could be contracted as phase 2 A and Phase 2 B to combat them overlapping financial years.</p> <p>SBRI Management Board on 24<sup>th</sup> April cancelled and moved to May-June</p>	<p><b>KL</b></p> <p><b>KL/AB</b></p> <p><b>AK</b></p>
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Future Meeting Dates:

Finance Audit & Risk

TBC July 2018

Management Board

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 – 10.30 – ABHI offices

19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 10.30