



Update from HEE LKS Leads Meeting

The LKSL Group met on Monday 20 March. Main messages for LKS staff:

- The new national Evaluation Framework for NHS-funded LKS has been approved. Look out for communications about this - and expect to start to see some changes in the statistics and quality (LQAF) data we ask LKS to collect (with plenty of notice of course) as the focus shifts from counting activity to demonstrating impact in key areas.
- The #AMillionDecisions campaign is nearing the end of its second month. A huge amount of work is taking place to highlight the value NHS-funded LKS to external stakeholders – including planning for a series of high-level meetings with executives from Arms-Length Bodies and the Department of Health, presentations at upcoming conferences, further articles in CILIP Update, targeted approaches to different national organisations.
- As we enter year three of Knowledge for Healthcare, some work streams will become ‘business as usual’ but there will be continued high focus on mobilising evidence and organisational knowledge, and providing information to support the public, patients and carers..
- Nearly 800 LKS staff responded to the 2017 development needs analysis, giving us a good understanding of what LKS staff regard as key learning and skills development needs. We are now identifying opportunities/resources available to help meet these needs.
- HEE is going through an internal restructure and seeking between 18% and 30% cost savings in 2017-18. Most functions will be organised at the level of four geographies – North, Midlands and East, London and South East, South – rather than 13 local offices. As part of this, the LKS Leads are taking the opportunity to rationalise our own LKSL team’s activity across the country.
- The work to model future LKS funding options has been delayed due to the HEE restructure, but will resume shortly. Tariff funding is reducing by 2% across the board from 1 April; managers will be aware of cost pressures faced by all organisations and hopefully equipped to defend against unreasonable cuts, but contact LKS Lead to discuss local situations if necessary.

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