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Dear Colleague,

Consultation on Evidence Based Interventions

Research evidence shows some interventions are not clinically effective or only effective when they are performed in specific circumstances. And as medical science advances, some interventions are superseded by those that are less invasive or more effective.

At both national and local levels, there is a general consensus that more needs to be done to ensure that the least effective interventions are not routinely performed, or only performed in more clearly defined circumstances.

We have formed a new national collaboration to turn this consensus into action.

We are launching today the Evidence Based Interventions Programme. We are publicly consulting on the design principles of the programme, the interventions we should target initially and proposed clinical criteria, the activity goals we should set and delivery actions, including proposed new terms in the NHS Standard Contract.

The proposals have been jointly developed by NHS England, NHS Clinical Commissioners, the Academy of Royal Medical Colleges, NICE and NHS Improvement in collaboration with the Royal Colleges and patient groups such as Healthwatch.

The proposals aim to reduce avoidable harm to patients, save precious professional time, help clinicians maintain their professional practice in line with the changing evidence base, create headroom for innovation and maximise value and avoid waste for patients and taxpayers.

We would like to invite your views on the consultation document, which can be read here: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/evidence-based-interventions/>.

We also ask that CCG leaders and provider medical directors work collaboratively with GPs and provider clinicians, respectively, to implement the changes. We also encourage CCGs and providers to work together to agree how any released capacity is best deployed for the benefit of patients.

A. Consultation

The consultation will run from **4 July to 28 September 2018**. If you would like to respond to the consultation, you can do so by:

- Completing an online survey at: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/evidence-based-interventions/>
- Sending written feedback to: england.EBinterventions@nhs.net.
- Attending one of our events to help us gather further clinical, professional and patient views. Please visit our website for further details.

In addition we will be holding a number of webinars for CCGs and providers of NHS funded services.

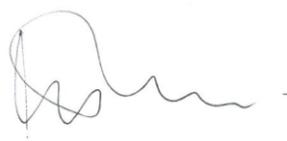
Following the close of the consultation, we will analyse and consider all responses received to inform our final approach, which will be announced later this financial year.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Stephen Powis
National Medical Director
Signed on behalf of NHS England



Professor Carrie MacEwen
Chair of the AoMRC
Signed on behalf of the
AoMRC¹

¹ Whilst the AoMRC has endorsed the principle of this work, individual Royal Colleges and specialist societies have supported the development of the clinical criteria set out in Appendix 2.



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