

Evidence Directorate Strategic Plan 2016-2020 is a draft document prepared for Healthcare Improvement Scotland and will be subject to further revision.

We wish to seek the views of external stakeholders on content and direction. In addition to providing comments on the draft document, we would also appreciate it if you could disseminate this among your relevant colleagues and/or networks.

We would be grateful to receive your comments to hcis.EvidenceDirectorate@nhs.net by Monday 1 August 2016.

We are happy to receive comments about any elements of the document within the free text area of the proforma. We would also ask that you consider the following specific questions:

- 1.1 Does the document clearly define our strategic aims? Yes
- 1.2 Are there other aims we should consider? No

Comments on our aims

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh ("the College") has no further comments on this question.

- 2.1 Do you think the objectives described will address our stated aims? Yes
- 2.2 Are there other objectives we should consider? No

Comments on our objectives

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh ("the College") has no further comments on this question.

3.3 Will our implementation plan deliver our objectives? No

3.4 Are there other deliverables we should consider? No

Comments on our implementation plan

The implementation plan as it stands looks appropriate; however, there has to be adequate resource to permit the bodies within the directorate to meet their aims and objectives. The current financial climate means that resource is limited and capacity to refresh existing guidance and produce new guidance is restricted. Therefore, while the aims and objectives are laudable, implementation may be exceptionally challenging.

The College would appreciate clarity on the aspects of patient engagement which could be considered as well as engagement with other bodies such as NICE.

Other comments

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh ("the College") has no further comments.

Our finalised plan will be published on our website Autumn 2016
www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org

Thank you for your help in developing this plan

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