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Dear Colleagues

Professional Registration of Industry Personnel (Credentialing) Review

NHS England continue to work closely with industry partners to develop a single national professional registration scheme for industry personnel that will ensure the workforce are appropriately educated and training in NHS values and support patient safety without adding undue burden or cost onto the NHS system or industry itself.

Further to the communications that went out to all Trusts in August 2014, initial consultation and 'call for evidence' has been undertaken, the findings of which have been considered by the Review Steering Group and are directly informing the next stages of the review which is structured around four work streams:

- Developing and agreeing national tiered standards
- Developing an independently regulated register
- Education and training programs
- Implementation to the NHS including use of contractual terms to mandate compliance with provider organisations

Discussions with all the relevant trade associations have continued, led by ABHI, and have resulted in a broad consensus about the way forward and the need to work closely with the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) to develop an accredited register and its underpinning standards and criteria. A number of discussions have already taken place with the PSA and the Chair of the Medtech Trade Association Forum, has written to offer greater support and leadership from across Industry in support of the review. ABPI are now also involved in discussion to ensure that the entirety of the Lifesciences industry is represented.

Given the level of engagement required and the complexity of this review, it quickly became apparent that the summer 2015 deadline was unrealistic and we now working towards finalising the review and recommendations by April 2016.

We ask that individual Trusts, wherever possible, await the findings and recommendations from the Review before entering into any standalone systems or processes, including credentialing for industry staff, to avoid fragmentation across the system.

If you would like any further information about the Review please contact Anne Boyens on anne.boyens@nhs.net or Andrew Davies andrew.davies@abhi.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline that loops back under the first part of the name.

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