Chair’s welcome and introduction

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The Mental Health Commissioners Network (MHCN)’s purpose is to enable members to become more effective mental health commissioners, achieving better mental health for the populations they serve.

The network is member led and aims to provide:

- A strong collective voice for mental health commissioners
- A place to share best practice with peers
- Development opportunities and peer support to mental health commissioners.
Overview of recent work

- **Publications:** *Support from the Start: commissioning early intervention services for mental ill health* (September 2016). This document draws upon four case studies – examples of CCGs who have already grappled with the challenge – and also shares some top tips from those at the sharp end.

- **Events and webinars:** we hold regular events and webinars with members, the most recent was with Claire Murdoch, NHS England National Director for Mental Health, on Implementing the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health. This gave members the opportunity to ask questions directly to Claire as well as share their own views and experiences.

- **Evidence submissions:** in September we submitted written evidence to the influential Health Select Committee and their inquiry on suicide prevention.

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Focus and aims of the day

- To look at how CCGs are meeting the challenges of delivering the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health.
- To share good practice examples and illustrate what working in partnership looks like.
- To provide an opportunity for you to hear from national stakeholders on the issues that matter to you.
- To enable you to discuss and share key issues with colleagues and feedback your views to us directly.