

Estates Best Value Group 2018

Northern Group—12th April 2018, Sheffield

Southern Group—15th March 2018, London

The Estates North and South Best Value Groups are expert groups of senior operational managers who collectively have many years experience at all levels of Estate management from across the NHS. Both groups have the same Facilitator who is a Deputy Head of Estates for a large Trust. These two groups maintain their individual identity but share information, minutes and benchmarking activities. Last year the groups came together for a joint meeting to further expand networking opportunities and experiences. The groups have formed strong links with NHSI and are keen to further strengthen them by being actively involved in the apprenticeship and succession planning Initiative and the model hospital work going forward. The groups are gaining recognition of a proactive problem solving group.

Members have the opportunity to discuss any issues they have in their individual organisations, learning best practice and obtaining professional advice from peers. The opportunity to share information and experiences is invaluable in being able to demonstrate continuous improvement of Estates services.

In the past year both groups have had three meetings plus one joint meeting. The agenda for the meetings is decided by members with each meeting supported by a presentation on a topic chosen by members. Subjects and presentations included in the last round of meetings:

- Succession planning and apprenticeships
- Model hospital
- Premises Assurance / ERIC
- Phoenix project
- Waterless technology
- Subsidiary companies
- Energy saving initiatives
- NHS PS
- Leadership / staff engagement and motivation
- Cost improvement programmes

Future Challenges:-

- Strengthening links with professional organisations such as HEFMA, IHEEM, NHSI and others to input into policy development and implementation. To raise the profile of NPAG.
- To look at improved use of technology and working practices.
- Premises Assurance, ERIC, Model Hospital
- Proving assurance on statutory compliance whilst demonstrating value for money and continuous improvement.
- Critically review personal leadership style to move towards improved staff engagement and empowerment to improve service efficiency and staff wellbeing.

Why join? Our Chair says:

Join today to network with like minded friendly Estates Managers / Directors, solving challenges and learn new initiatives which have the potential to save you time and energy. Gain practical insight to NHS policy and sentiments from NHSI and other influential parties.

Interested? Please contact Gemma for further details or complete the attached Registration Form to secure your place: **Email: gemma.aitchison@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk Tel: 01245 544600**