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NHS takes steps towards national neuromuscular service plan

We were delighted that the NHS took groundbreaking steps towards a national neuromuscular service plan in discussions with members of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Muscular Dystrophy at this afternoon's session.

Teresa Moss, Director of the National Specialised Commissioning Team, told MPs and Peers that it has been agreed that neuromuscular services will be a priority in the annual work plan of each of the ten Specialised Commissioning Groups across England, covering key issues such as:

- specialist physiotherapy provision in the multi-disciplinary team
- access to specialist equipment
- an audit of unplanned emergency admissions for patients with neuromuscular conditions
- making sure there are well equipped neuromuscular professionals across England
- a single service specification defining specialist neuromuscular services.

The All Party Parliamentary Group for Muscular Dystrophy quizzed NHS bosses on the proposals for NHS reforms, the impact that these will have on people with neuromuscular conditions and how services will be commissioned, planned and delivered under the new NHS Commissioning Board.

On the panel to discuss the reforms, the set-up of the NHS Commissioning Board and regional specialised commissioning were:

- Kate Caston - Specialised Services Programme Lead in the set-up of the NHS Commissioning Board
- Teresa Moss - Director, National Specialised Commissioning Team
- Rob Lusuardi - Assistant Director, Acute Commissioning, West Midlands Specialised Commissioning Team
- Rachel O'Connor - Programme Lead, West Midlands Specialised Commissioning Team

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