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Liz

This is the HPS care homes guidance that went to SG last Thursday and came back with comments from CMO. Janine has responded to the CMO comments and has annotated this next draft version with her responses.

Some of the CMO comments may indicate possible misinterpretations of which of the respective HPS and SG Care Homes guidance documents has primacy on which aspects and who is leading which aspect of "clinical guidance". HPS understood that we had an agreement with Graham Ellis that the SG Care Homes Guidance that he is responsible for coordinating should take its cue on "clinical/health protection / IPC" matters from the HPS guidance - rather than the other way around. Hence, if the SG Care Homes guidance has deviated from our HPS guidance on a particular point, then it is the SG guidance that is at variance and not the HPS guidance. Hence, we would not alter the HPS guidance document to bring them back into alignment; it would be the SG document that would need to be re-aligned.

Our view is that CMO and others are welcome to correct us on any misinterpretations of SG "policy" but that any comments on "clinical/ HP/ IPC" issues will be duly considered as clinical input but that if we do not agree, we are not obliged to make a change. We are therefore unclear on which particular points commented on in this document are seen by CMO as "policy" comments versus "clinical" and therefore whether we are / are not obliged to make all the associated changes.

It might also be useful to clarify that we do all the final spelling and grammar checks and formatting at the pre-publication check before the document goes on the website so it is not necessary to check these issues but any errors are useful to know about.

Finally - could we agree to call the CMO process the SG "policy alignment stage" (SG-PAS) of the guidance development process?

Regards,  
Colin