

## **Briefing for the Health and Wellbeing Select Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 25 November 2015**

### **1. CCG publishes plans for 16/17**

The CCG has published its priorities for the coming year. Each year NHS commissioners are required to share their plans ahead of the next financial year. The *Commissioning Intentions* outline local priorities for 2016/17 and next year's plans have additionally been informed by public feedback from the **your care, your way** joint community services review as well as clinical evidence, where ever this is available.

2016/17 will be a pivotal year for the CCG and the Council as we address the challenges locally for our health and care system. We start from a position of excellent performance in many areas, but our finances are becoming increasingly constrained at a time when demand across the urgent health and care system has become challenging and waiting times for planned care continue to increase.

You can read our *Commissioning Intentions* at:

<http://www.bathandnortheast Somersetccg.nhs.uk/documents/strategies/commissioning-intentions-for-201617>

### **2. Pledge to be an Antibiotic Guardian**

The CCG is supporting Public Health England's campaign to encourage 100,000 people to make an antibiotics pledge by March 2016. During Antibiotic Awareness Week (16 – 22 November) we supported the global campaign with local PR and social media activity. Elizabeth Beech, one of our prescribing advisors seconded to NHS England to support with delivery of the five year antimicrobial resistance strategy, has also been involved in national awareness-raising events during the week.

Resistance to antibiotics is rapidly increasing so it is becoming more difficult to treat infections. This will affect routine patient care such as surgery and cancer treatment. Some countries have seen drug resistance rates more than double in the past five years, and in England the number of resistant infections is increasing each year. Research has shown that use of antibiotics can harm the good gut bacteria and leave people susceptible to other infections such as *Clostridium difficile* that are harder to treat.

In Bath and North East Somerset, GP practice prescribing of antibiotics has reduced from 124,500 prescriptions in 2013, to 112,157 prescriptions for antibiotics in 2015. Even so, one in four patients registered with a local GP, a total of 47,176 patients, was prescribed at least one course of antibiotics in the past year. Around half of all antibiotics prescribed by GP practices are for respiratory infections, and many of these are coughs and sore throats that will get better without antibiotics.

To sign up as an Antibiotic Guardian, visit [www.antibioticguardian.com](http://www.antibioticguardian.com)

### **3. Update on *your care, your way***

***your care, your way*** is the CCG and the Council's joint review of community health and social care services in Bath and North East Somerset. Community services are health and care services that are delivered in a person's home or in a nearby local care setting and the CCG and the Council currently commission over 400 different community services from a range of different providers.

Phase Two of the review is now coming to a close following a two month period of provider and public consultation to seek views on four different models for how community services could be delivered in the future. These models or options, which have been informed by stakeholder feedback collated during Phase One of the review, included coordination of local services being handed down to groups of GP practices or local neighbourhood teams. Other proposals in the consultation included joining up IT systems between different health and care providers, providing 'care navigators' to help people find their way around the system and a single pooled budget for health and social care in Bath and North East Somerset.

Over 50 community events or workshops were held during September and October and more than 500 people responded to the consultation survey. An outline business case will now be submitted to Council Cabinet and CCG Board in early December.

The consultation report can be found at [yourcareyourway.org](http://yourcareyourway.org)

### **4. Stay Well This Winter**

We are supporting the national campaign 'Stay Well This Winter' led by NHS England and Public Health England. The campaign is aimed at helping people prepare against the onset of winter and to raise awareness among those in key risk groups – such as the frail and elderly and those with long term conditions and respiratory illnesses.

Stay Well This Winter began last month with a national flu vaccination programme. It is being supported by national broadcast and print advertising and social media activity. Locally there is an ongoing direct marketing activity with leaflets distributed to homes and available at GP practices, dentists and the Council's one stop shops. Local press advertising includes a two-page spread in the Council magazine.

The campaign highlights the steps people can take to protect themselves and their families over the colder months and where to get urgent advice including visiting your local pharmacist or GP or by calling NHS 111.

## **5. Update on A&E performance**

The performance of our local health system improved in October with 93.5% of patients in A&E being seen within four hours. However this still falls short of the national target of 95%.

The System Resilience Group (SRG) is now overseeing implementation of a four-hour recovery plan to strengthen urgent care performance and ensure patients receive the highest quality care. The SRG brings together partners from across the local health and care system to plan urgent care services, reduce admissions via A&E (by ensuring non-life threatening emergency needs are met in or close to people's homes), improve patient flow through hospital and ensure appropriate after care and support at home or in the community.

One new initiative as part of the recovery plan is creation of an integrated discharge team at the RUH. This team comprises health and social care professionals so a patient's broader healthcare needs can be more effectively assessed to get them home quicker but with the appropriate level of support to ensure they continue to make a good recovery.

## **6. National Updates**

- At the time of submitting this briefing (19.11.15), the British Medical Association has announced that junior doctors have voted overwhelmingly in favour of industrial action including a full walk out. We will be monitoring how the negotiations progress and making plans with the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) to mitigate the impact on services if industrial action does go ahead on 1, 8 and 16 December 2015.
- Simon Stevens gave a recent update at the Kings Fund about the Five Year Forward View. The key messages from this speech are that all areas will be required to produce sustainability and transformation plans by summer 2016. Nationally, consideration is being given to linking the share of £8 billion additional NHS monies to development of local plans. The focus for the future is expected to be on 'nascent health systems' and population orientated partnerships with a continued strengthening of primary care and out of hospital services.
- NHS England has announced the launch of the Primary Care Transformation Fund, a four year £1 billion investment programme to help general practice make improvements including in premises and technology. NHS England wrote to all CCGs in October inviting them to put forward proposals for investment in primary care infrastructure by end February 2016.