

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

**Wednesday 28 September 2016**

### **1. A&E performance**

We did not see a reduction in demand and pressure on services over the summer and our performance against the A&E waiting time target (95% of attendees to be seen within four hours) dropped to 79.3% in August. However indicative figures for September show that performance has improved and currently stands at 87%.

Local performance and progress against the locally agreed A&E Improvement Plan continues to be overseen by regular tripartite meetings of the Royal United Hospitals (RUH), CCGs, NHS England and NHS Improvement. New guidance "A&E Improvement 2016/17 Rapid Implementation Guidance" was issued to CCGs, Acute, Community, Mental Health and Local Authority Chief Executives at the end of July setting out good practice requirements that all systems should seek to adopt to support recovery. This guidance includes a requirement to replace System Resilience Groups with A&E Delivery Boards whose core responsibilities are to lead A&E Recovery. The CCG held a shadow A&E Delivery Board meeting on the 1 September 2016 as part of our transition to new arrangements.

### **2. Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)**

The B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) footprint is developing plans to be submitted to NHS England on 21 October 2016 setting out how a transformation in health and care outcomes within the footprint will be achieved and sustained to deliver:

- Improvement in the health and wellbeing of their local population
- Improvement in the quality of local health and care services
- Financial stability and balance throughout the local health care system.

In collaboration with Wiltshire CCG, we held an engagement event for over 80 voluntary and charitable organisations and independent providers on 13 September 2016 in Devizes. The event was an opportunity for delegates to hear more and feedback about emerging priorities. A report from the event will be published on our website at the start of October. Further engagement is planned for after the submission of the plans on 21 October 2016.

### **3. Re-procurement of NHS 111 and GP out-of-hours services**

The NHS111 and GP out-of-hours services in B&NES are to be reviewed and re-procured across the wider STP footprint. Commissioners from the three localities are working together to develop a new, more joined-up model of care for these two key urgent care services that will also include provision for a 'clinical hub' to provide timely, accessible and specialist advice to patients and health professionals. The specification for the new services is largely set according to national guidelines. However there is a wealth of existing patient feedback on local urgent care services and commissioners will

draw on this and undertake new engagement activity where this can be used to help shape the new service. The new contract will begin in April/May 2018.

#### **4. Planning guidance for 2017/19 published**

NHS England and NHS Improvement have published their planning guidance for the health service. For the first time the CCG will have to develop plans to cover a two, instead of a one year period from April 2017 to March 2019 and submit plans by this Christmas.

The new guidance marks a shift from planning at an organisation-level to a system-wide approach that is aligned to local Sustainability and Transformation Plans. For the first time there is also a move towards adopting system-wide control totals alongside individual organisational control targets to enable health leaders to plan beyond their organisational boundaries and strengthen collaboration with other local health and care organisations for the benefit of the local population.

There are also plans to boost funding to improve and increase the capacity in General Practice and to allow an additional £6 per head of population to improve access to General Practice by April 2019. The CCG will need to set out in its two year plan how it will support and transform General Practice and expand opening hours to include evenings and weekends.

#### **5. Strengthening Financial Performance & Accountability in 2016/17**

On 21 July 2016 NHS England and NHS Improvement published “Strengthening Financial Performance & Accountability in 2016/17” which sets out a series of actions designed to support the NHS to achieve financial sustainability and improve operational performance. For CCGs it set out a number of measures which include:-

- Agreed ‘financial control totals’ with individual trusts and CCGs, which represent the minimum level of financial performance, against which their boards, governing bodies and chief executives must deliver in 2016/17, and for which they will be held directly accountable
- New intervention regimes of special measures to be applied to both trusts and CCGs who are not meeting their financial commitments
- New controls to cap the cost of interim managers
- Launch of a two-year NHS planning and contracting round (see section 4 above).

The CCG’s control total for 2016/17 is a surplus of £2.3m – 1% of our allocated funding from NHS England. We recognised at our planning stage a high degree of risk to achieving this and as the year progresses much of this risk is materialising. We are monitoring the situation closely and are developing plans to offset the increasing cost pressures.

## **6. CCG AGM Thursday 29 September**

Over 120 people are registered to attend our Annual General Meeting at Somerdale Pavilion, Keynsham on Thursday 29 September. We are delighted to be joined by Dr Nigel Watson, Chief Executive of the Wessex Local Medical Committee, as guest speaker. Nigel will be sharing his thoughts on the challenges facing general practice and what we can all do to ensure a healthy future for our local population.

## **7. Interim Accountable Officer Support to Wiltshire CCG**

Tracey Cox had agreed to take on the additional responsibility of interim Accountable Officer at Wiltshire CCG from 26 September 2016 following the departure of Simon Truelove who has held the role of Accountable Officer on an interim basis since Deborah Fielding left earlier in the year.

Simon is due to take up the new post of Director of Finance at Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust at the end of this month. Both CCGs share many of the same priorities and challenges across B&NES and Wiltshire and Tracey's interim role will enable us to pool our insight and share expertise. To support this arrangement Wiltshire CCG will be employing an interim Chief Operating Officer.