

**Briefing for the Health and Wellbeing Select Committee Meeting
Wednesday 25 January 2017**

1. A&E performance

Local system performance against the A&E waiting time target (95 per cent of attendees to be seen within four hours) was 81.3 per cent in November against a trajectory of 90.5 per cent and 86 per cent for December against a target trajectory of 91 per cent.

The local health and care system maintained relatively good performance between the Christmas and New Year period delivering 86.3 per cent for week ending 1 January 2017. However since then there has been extremely high demand and this is putting local health and care services across the area under significant pressure. We are working closely with the Council, Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RUH), Sirona care and health and other key partner organisations to manage the demand and restore capacity as soon as possible.

Some non-urgent hospital appointments and operations have been rescheduled and extra staff have been deployed to the emergency department and hospital wards. Extra beds have also been made available in care homes so frail elderly patients can be discharged from hospital more quickly. The maternity beds at Paulton Birthing Centre have also been temporarily closed to accommodate patients who have been discharged from the RUH but are not yet well enough to return home or to another care setting.

2. Sustainability and Transformation Plan update

The Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) 'Emergent Sustainability and Transformation Plan' was published on 14 December 2016 setting out how health and care organisations across the 'footprint' plan to work together in new ways to improve our local population's health and wellbeing, improve the quality of services and ensure financial sustainability.

There are plans for launching a period of engagement with patients, carers and other stakeholders to support the further development of STP proposals. This is due to begin in February. In the meantime the STP partner organisations continue to update about the STP via their websites and schedule of internal/external events.

3. 2017/18 Operational Plan

The CCG submitted its two year operational plan for the period 2017/18- 2018-19 to NHS England on the 23 December in line with the nationally set deadline. The CCG's Operational Plan is a detailed document that assures NHS England of our delivery plans against the nationally mandated "nine must dos".

We also signed contracts with our key major providers RUH, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (UHB) and Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP). Contracts with our other key providers will be agreed by the 31 January 2017.

4. Delegated Commissioning

The CCG submitted its application to take over responsibility for commissioning of primary care services from NHS England on 5 December 2016. The decision was supported by our member practices with a 96 per cent turn out and 83 per cent of practices voting 'yes'. We will announce the outcome of our application very shortly.

5. Engagement on stopping two groups of over-the-counter medicines (OTC) and gluten-free prescribing

We undertook a period of engagement between 26 November – 21 December on our proposals to stop prescribing of gluten-free products and two groups of over-the-counter medicines to treat minor ailments (pain killers and anti-histamines). The outcome of the engagement process will be presented to the CCG's Joint Clinical Commissioning Committee on the 26 January 2017 for review and to agree next steps.

6 Joint CCG and Council Away Day

The CCG and Council held a joint away day for health and social care commissioning and public health teams on 1 December 2016. The session focused on 'health inequalities' in B&NES and included a powerful presentation by local GP Dr Helen Pauli on some of the challenging issues faced by some of our more deprived communities.

7 Antibiotic awareness poster competition in B&NES schools

The CCG and B&NES Council have run the first 'Antibiotic Awareness Poster Competition' among Year 3 pupils in B&NES schools. The pupils received a lesson covering one of the three main messages about antibiotic guardianship:

- the importance of effective hand washing to prevent the spread of infection
- the need to take antibiotics correctly – i.e. finishing the course, not sharing or saving, that they don't work for coughs and colds
- the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' principle of preventing infection spread.

We received 25 poster entries and held a judging afternoon with judges from the RUH, Sirona schools' nursing service, the CCG, Council and *I am a Scientist* – an online science outreach programme for students.

The winners and runners up will receive their prizes at an informal ceremony with the Chairman of the Council, and every school that participated will get free resources from E-Bug, a European initiative set up to improve education about antimicrobial resistance. The project was also supported by Antibiotic Guardian.

8 Dawn Clarke sleeps out

In early March, Dawn Clarke – Director of Nursing and Quality – and other members of CCG staff will join the Bath Big Sleep Out to raise money and support for Julian House. CCG staff are also planning other fundraising activities for this event.

9 Mental Health Pathway Review

The Council and the CCG have begun work with Virgin Care to scope out a full review of the mental health pathway in Bath and North East Somerset. The review will launch later this year and the results will be made available in September.

10 NHS111 and GP out-of-hours service

The procurement process is underway to deliver a more joined up NHS111 system across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire. GP out-of-hours services are being re-procured across Wiltshire and B&NES. A period of public engagement will launch in the next couple of weeks so patients' experiences of our urgent and emergency care services can be used to shape the new services.