

Briefing for the Health and Wellbeing Select Committee Meeting

Wednesday 18 May 2018

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) during June was 85.8 per cent.

2 NHS70

The NHS celebrated its 70th birthday on 5 July, as well as national celebrations, the CCG were involved in various events to commemorate the occasion;

- Three members of CCG staff attended the prestigious celebratory service at Westminster Abbey organised by NHS England and NHS Improvement
- Staff came together for a social event at the Cross Keys pub to enjoy reminiscing about the NHS
- On Saturday 7th, some CCG staff, as well as colleagues from RUH and the Council took part in the 5K Bath Skyline Park Run which was dedicated to the NHS

3 Minerva Health Group

Five GP surgeries in Bath have joined forces to share their clinical expertise for the benefit of their patients.

The federation of practices – Combe Down Surgery, Grosvenor Place Surgery, Newbridge Surgery, Rush Hill & Weston Surgery and St Michael's Partnership in Twerton – have formed the Minerva Health Group, which is a not-for-profit organisation and aims to bring together best practice from each of the surgeries to provide the highest possible level of care for their combined 34,000 patients.

Working as a federation will bring each of the surgery's a number of benefits, including funding, improved coordination, workforce development and standardising back office systems and processes.

Full details can be found at <http://www.bathandnortheast Somersetccg.nhs.uk/new-federation-of-bath-gp-surgeries-to-provide-highest-level-of-care>

4 Health Optimisation Scheme – Getting Fit for Surgery

Between October 2017 – January 2018, the CCG consulted on proposals to support patients who smoke or have a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or above (an obese body weight) to try and stop smoking and/or lose weight before non-urgent operations.

Following the consultation and recent engagement with GP practices, the scheme was implemented 9 July for patients who are being referred for non-urgent procedures in Gynaecology and General Surgery. We would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation process.

5 Dad Pad - app launched to support new dads

An app to support new dads and dads-to-be in B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire has been launched containing practical information and advice on topics ranging from changing nappies, feeding and how babies like to be held.

The Dad Pad is user-friendly and aims to support new dads and help them to feel more confident about fatherhood and offers practical advice which dads can access quickly and easily to help support them in caring for their new born.

The app can be downloaded by visiting www.thedadpad.co.uk/app

NHS England Update

6 Evidence-Based Interventions Programme launched

There has been media coverage recently with Stephen Powis, the new NHS England National Medical Director, trailing a new programme of work to consult the public on proposals to reduce the number of clinically ineffective or risky procedures that are currently offered on the NHS.

On 4 July the NHS England Board approved those proposals which started the launch of a national consultation as part of the Evidence-Based Interventions programme. This will run from 4 July to 28 September.

In collaboration with NHS England, NICE, CQC, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and the relevant Royal Colleges, the consultation is the first step in this new programme which aims to curb waste, free up resources and prevent unnecessary pain and inconvenience to patients.

The CCG will consider how these proposals compare to our current commissioning policies in B&NES and across the B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership. You can find out more and take part in the consultation here <https://www.england.nhs.uk/evidence-based-interventions/>

7 NHS Digital - data sharing opt-out issue

NHS England have brought to our attention that some patients who registered a request known as a “type 2 opt out” to NHS Digital (i.e. not to share any of their personal confidential information for purposes beyond their own care) have not had those wishes respected. This was due to a coding error in a third-party computer system which some GPs use.

Approximately 150,000 patients have been affected nationally. All patients who have been affected will receive a letter directly from NHS Digital before the end of July 2018 to explain the situation and apologise.

For more information please visit <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/gp-systems-of-choice/tpp-type-2-issue/tpp-type-2-issue-information-for-patients>