

Briefing for the Health and Wellbeing Select Committee Meeting

Wednesday 20 March 2019

1. Tracey Cox confirmed as Chief Executive for BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCGs and STP

Tracey Cox has been appointed as Chief Executive of BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCGs and will also lead the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership for the region.

The appointment follows an external recruitment process and approval from both Simon Stevens, CEO of NHS England and Ian Dalton, CEO of NHS Improvement.

Tracey formally took up her new position at the start of March. She will oversee closer working between the three local Clinical Commissioning Groups, which will operate with a single senior management team, use their collective resources more efficiently and streamline their respective decision-making arrangements.

2. Update on A&E performance and national performance targets

Local system performance against the A&E waiting time target (95 per cent of attendees to be seen within four hours) during January was 72.9% and for February 70.6%.

This data comes as the NHS England considers dropping the four-hour target, which was introduced in 2004.

Around a fifth of all emergency admissions from A&E happen in the final 10 minutes before the deadline, suggesting that hospitals are being driven to focus on the target, rather than what is the best approach for each patient.

Instead of aiming to see and treat virtually all A&E patients in four hours, the sickest patients will be prioritised for quick treatment.

NHS England wants to ensure that patients who come in to A&E with, for example, heart attacks, acute asthma, sepsis and stroke start their care within an hour.

The changes will be piloted this year and, if successful, could be introduced in 2020.

There would also be a move towards average waiting times for planned operations, such as knee and hip replacements.

Cancer targets will be simplified so that there are two key targets for treatment starting on top of the incoming 28-day goal for diagnosis.

New targets will be introduced for mental health care with the goal of ensuring that everyone who needs urgent crisis care in the community receives it within 24 hours.

Access to other community mental health services - for children and adults - will be expected in four weeks. This is the first time that these services will have had targets attached to them.

3. Transforming Maternity Services consultation

Consultation on the proposal to transform maternity services in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire closed on 24 February.

There were an impressive 1,770 online responses to the survey and more than 30 public meetings across the region. There were nearly 280 face-to-face contacts/interviews as part of our engagement work in B&NES.

Thank you to everyone who shared their views, all feedback will be independently analysed and the results used to help the governing bodies of BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCGs make a final decision in the summer.

4. Integrated Health and Care Strategy development

B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire's Clinical Board is leading a piece of work to create a strategy for a joint approach to health, care and wellbeing across the region. The *Integrated Health and Care Strategy* will become the key component of B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire's Five Year Plan and drive many of the changes which need to be implemented in the wider health and care system over the next five years.

Development of the strategy has been overseen by the BSW STP Clinical Board and representatives from primary care, hospital trusts, local authorities, public health and voluntary sector organisations have contributed to its progress to date. Further development has taken place following a Clinical Workshop which offered leading clinicians and public health professionals from across the region an opportunity to contribute their views.

A programme of engagement working in conjunction with Healthwatch England will be underway across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire over the coming weeks to seek the views of local people on a range of health and care issues.

5. Engaging on our local plans following publication of the Long Term Plan

In January NHS England published its Long Term Plan, which sets out key priorities and ambitions for the service over the next ten years. Over the coming months, the NHS in B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire will be working with patients, the public and partners – including local councils, the voluntary and community sector and social care – to develop a local plan for the next five years. We want to turn the national ambitions laid out in the Long Term Plan into real improvements to services and outcomes for local people, building on the progress we've already made together over the last few years.

To help shape our Five Year Plan, Healthwatch England has launched the '[What would you do?](#)' campaign, encouraging people to have their say about the Long Term Plan and what changes they would like to see in their local community. The campaign is being supported locally by Healthwatch in B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire. The public are invited to share their views via two surveys; one which asks for suggestions about how to give people more control of their care and a second that explores how organisations can provide better care for people with conditions such as heart and lung disease, dementia and autism.

During March and April Healthwatch in B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire will also be out and about across the region listening to views on how:

- Services could be improved and preventative measures to help people age well
- GP practices can work more closely together and with other services (such as hospitals, pharmacies, mental health and social care) - as primary care networks - to improve care for patients.

In early summer, the three CCGs will respond to feedback that Healthwatch receive as part of 'What would you do?' and will launch a further phase of engagement on local priorities and plans before submitting our Five Year Plan to NHS England in the autumn.

For more information about the NHS Long Term Plan, you can read a [summary](#), watch this [video](#), or read the plan in full at www.longtermplan.nhs.uk

6. Diary Date - AGM

The CCG's AGM will take place on the morning of Thursday 13 June 2019 at Somerdale Pavilion, Keynsham.

Our AGM brings together health professionals, partners, providers and local people to reflect on the successes and challenges of the past 12 months as well as share plans and opportunities for the future.

This year's event will focus on our Five Year Plan and how we will engage with the public and our stakeholders.