

Council of Governors

21 March 2017

Chief Executive's Report

1. South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

Conversations about the STP are now taking place with the public and STP partner organisations staff. Public events, led by Healthwatch and local voluntary organisations, staff events and an online survey are asking for views on the overall vision and draft priorities in the Plan. Further information can be found via the following link:
<http://www.smybndccgs.nhs.uk/what-we-do/stp/staff-and-public-conversations>

Partners joined a South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw STP workshop which was held on Friday 3 March 2017. Michael Macdonnell, Director of Strategy of NHS England, led a discussion on the soon to be published Five Year Forward View Delivery Plan.

The Chancellor announced £325m of new capital funding to support the “strongest” STPs in the Spring Budget. The investment will be spread over three years, with further funding expected to be announced in the Autumn Budget for more STPs. In addition, the budget included £2bn for adult social care spending over the next three years, with £1bn available in 2017-18.

Working Together

The innovative Working Together partnership between seven hospital Trusts in the region continues to focus on projects to improve safety and efficiency, for example, through joint procurement and improving IT connectivity. The latest Working Together monthly newsletter can be found at <http://workingtogethernhs.co.uk/newsletters/>.

Sheffield Place Based Plan

Early versions of the Sheffield Place Based Plan have been shared with the Executive Team and updates have been provided to the Board of Directors. NHS Sheffield CCG has led the process for completing this Plan with input from all providers in Sheffield. It has continued to be drafted during recent months to be more explicit on the plans for the locality and to better align with the South Yorkshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). The Sheffield Place Based Plan has been discussed at the Transforming Sheffield Programme Board and is now finalised, forming the Plan for the local health economy.

Copies of the plan can be found at:

<http://www.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/6%20October%202016%20GBP/Item%20221%20Shaping%20Sheffield%20The%20Plan.pdf>

2. Trust Operations

At the request of Trust Governors, the following items will be discussed at the meeting.

2.1 Electronic Patient Record

A presentation will be given on this matter.

2.2 Update on New Cancer Breach Allocation Rules

A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

2.3 Infection Control Update

- There have been 92 cases of *C.difficile* so far this year. This is more cases than the threshold that the Trust set itself and more than last year. No specific reason for this increase has been identified. In addition to the actions implemented as part of the Infection Prevention and Control Programme, further actions have been identified to try to prevent further cases of *C.difficile*.
- There have been 2 incidents of Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) bacteraemia assigned to the Trust so far this year. The Trust goal is to have no cases, however 2 cases remains a very low level for a large Trust.
- There have been 50 cases of Methicillin Sensitive Staphylococcus Aureus (MSSA) bacteraemia so far this year. This is more cases than the threshold that the Trust set itself, however it is fewer cases than recorded last year.
- The Trust has experienced sporadic outbreaks of norovirus throughout the winter months. This is the usual pattern seen most years of an increase in the number of cases identified through the winter period. This is managed by isolating the affected patients and any patients they may have been in contact with, until 72 hours after the symptoms have ceased.
- Through January, the Trust identified a spike in the numbers of patients attending or admitted with influenza (flu), since then the numbers of patients identified as having flu has been reducing steadily.

3. Integrated Performance Report

The Integrated Performance Report for the period to January 2017 can be found on the Trust website at <http://www.sth.nhs.uk/clientfiles/File/Enclosure%20E2%20-%20IPR%20for%20TEG%20Jan%20for%20Mar%20Board%20v14.pdf>.

4. Awards and Events

The Trust has won and been shortlisted for a number of national and regional awards over the last few months.

Four teams from the Trust were named as finalists in the HSJ Value in Healthcare awards. The awards recognise NHS organisations that are leading the way in using innovation to improve value and efficiency in healthcare.

- The Seamless Surgery programme has been shortlisted in the 'Improving Value in Surgical Services' category. The Seamless Surgery programme has achieved a number of positive results including the introduction of an electronic personal assessment questionnaire which shortens the length of time fit patients undertake pre-operative assessments. Improved planning, scheduling, communications and organisation between staff working in all parts of the planned surgery process has reduced expenditure on unused medicines by £66,000 in gynaecology and meant that the Trust has been able to provide planned surgery to an additional 26 patients a week within existing resources, giving even more patients access to timely, high quality care.

- The Estates Team has been shortlisted for the 'Facilities and Estates Management' award in recognition of their innovative solution to replace an old traditional steam system the Northern General Hospital with a significantly smaller and compact, virtually maintenance-free system. This has saved the Trust £1.5m per year and has exceeded the NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy targets for the site.
- In the 'Improving Value in the Care of Frail Older Patients' category is the General Surgery and Geriatric Medicine Department's 'Older Surgical Patients Pathway'. Through the establishment of a multi-disciplinary team, patients over the age of 75 who are referred to colorectal surgery, who often do not need surgical procedures, are reviewed by a specialist in health care for older people. This has led to a better identification of their needs, reducing mortality rates, and enabling more patients to go back to their place of residence with a relevant care package in place.
- Finally, the Sexual Health Team have been shortlisted in the 'Community Health Service Redesign' category for improving services by integrating the cities' three sexual health services so that patients can now access contraception services and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections in one appointment rather than having to attend separate services at different locations.

The winners of all four awards are set to be announced at a ceremony in London on the 24 May 2017.

The Trust's Electronic Personal Assessment Questionnaire (ePAQ-PO) has also picked up the top prize in the 'Using Technology to Improve Efficiency' category at the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network's Innovation, Improvement and Impact awards. The Seamless Surgery programme was also highly commended by the judges in the 'Improving Care through Innovation or Improvement Award'.

In the Medipex Innovation Awards, three colleagues from the Trust have won awards including: Michael Hanney, from the Nuclear Medicine Department, for developing 3D imaging to replace planar imaging of metastatic bone disease; Mark Jayes, Speech and Language Therapist, for his work on the Mental Capacity Assessment Support Toolkit and Professor Chris Chapple, Consultant Urological Surgeon for the development of the Digital Bladder Diary.

Specialist Service to Share Expertise in Rare Pregnancy Complication with Hospitals Across Europe

A specialist service provided by the Trust which treats women from across the north of England who have suffered a rare pregnancy complication has been approved as part of a new Europe-wide reference network. The Gestational Trophoblastic Service is now part of the European Reference Network in Rare Adult Cancers (EURACAN), and will share expertise and best practice with other European centres to help improve treatment across the continent.

National Media Feature

The Jessop Wing was featured heavily in the national media for a research project which is testing a groundbreaking prototype of a 'miniature' MRI scanner for new born babies. The scanner is one of only two of its type in the world.

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