

Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group

Accountable Officer's Report



Governing Body Meeting

4 April 2013

1. NHS Sheffield CCG assumes statutory duties

As the Governing Body will be aware, from 1 April 2013, the NHS Sheffield CCG is now a formal statutory organisation. As set out in agenda item 9 (paper G) we have completed all the necessary requirements to ensure we have comprehensive governance arrangements in place, approved organisational policies and agreed financial procedures. Any further information that may need to be shared with the Governing Body arising from the first two working days will be done orally at this point.

2. New Commissioning Arrangements from 1 April 2013

As the Governing Body will now be familiar, the new system set out in the 2012 Health and Social Care Act is now operational. The key components are:-

- CCGs have assumed their statutory responsibilities;
- Commissioning Support Units (CSUs) have service level agreements with CCGs for the delivery of varying amounts of commissioning support;
- The NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB) is now responsible for direct commissioning of primary care, specialised services and working with CCGs to improve the quality of primary care. The NHS CB interface will be through the Area Teams (ATs);
- Public Health is now an integral part of the City Council and will provide services back to the CCG through a public health core offer;
- All remaining former SHA and PCT staff have now received their formal letter informing them of their COSOP (Cabinet Office Statement of Practice - TUPE like transfer) to their new posts in the new system.

3. 2013/14 Plans

The CCG has a final meeting with the AT on 3 April 2013 to discuss our integrated plan for delivering our commissioning intentions. We are expecting the AT to be assured that the plan represents our priorities as set out in our Prospectus and Commissioning Intentions, which is here at the Governing Body today for final approval. It is likely that it will also finalise agreement on the revised local outcomes associated with the Quality Premium.

4. CCG Branding

Following the last Governing Body, all members have been asked via email to express their views on the various strapline options to agree upon which one best represents the vision and values of our organisation. At the time of writing, the suggested preferred option is "Working with you to make Sheffield healthier".

Assuming Governing Body confirm their approval today, this will be used alongside the existing coloured square identity and local imagery (people and places) on communications materials, including website, corporate documents and other publications.

Finally, a corporate email signature will be developed that will be used by all CCG staff to ensure a standard and consistent approach to electronic messages from the organisation.

5. Recommendation

The Governing Body is asked to endorse the report.

Ian Atkinson, Accountable Officer

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