

Accountable Officer's Report

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Governing Body Meeting

6 June 2013

My report this month will be presented by Julia Newton, Director of Finance, as I, along with the Chair and Joint Clinical Director, will be attending the NHS Confederation annual event from 5 to 7 June

1. Yorkshire and Humber CCG Collaborative

Across the CCGs in Yorkshire and Humber (Y&H) we have agreed to hold an event in June to consider the opportunities for wider collaboration and representation.

The theme of this first opportunity for the CCGs to meet will be “Working Together for Our Patients”, and we hope that, by the end of the session, we will have begun to answer the following questions:

1. When should we work together on a Y&H footprint to commission services for our patients?
2. What arrangements do we need to put in place to do this?
3. Should we have a collective relationship with NHS England? What would that look like?

I will provide feedback to Governing Body at the July meeting.

2. Commissioning Assembly Rapid Reference Group for Chief Officers

I have been asked to be a member of the CO Rapid Reference Group which will provide an opportunity for CCGs to offer a rapid perspective on issues of national policy or guidance to the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB). The group is not a replacement for effective co-production and engagement across the system, but does provide a ready route to gather views quickly from across the country.

This group is a sister group to the existing Clinical Leads Rapid Reference Group. It will consist of Chief Officers, both managerial and clinical, to reach out to a broader leadership community in CCGs beyond just the clinical lead. It has been set up as a working group of the NHS Commissioning Assembly and consists of around 12 CCG Chief Officers.

3. Joint Staff Side Committee Development

With colleagues from the Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) Human Resources (HR) team and officers in the CCG we held a productive session with all the staff side local and regional representatives to review how Sheffield CCG can develop

strong and effective staff engagement, both formally (in respect to staff side recognition agreements) and as part of our Organisational Development. The session had three key aims:-

- To enable CCG management staff and staff side representatives to openly review the most effective working arrangement going forward given the Health and Social Care Act 2012;
- To agree a set of values that would describe the basis of joint working which all partners would subscribe to;
- To consider the benefits of partnership working and how they might be achieved, which built on the successes of the past.

A follow up session will be held on 31 May to set out the formal structures we wish to put in place to support these. I was pleased with the preparedness to consider a range of possibilities on how we can effectively negotiate and engage and with the speed we could agree a working set of values and principles.

4. Sir David Nicholson

Governing Body members will be aware of the retirement of Sir David Nicholson, Chief Executive Officer of NHS England, which was announced on 21 May. Both Sir David's and Professor Malcolm Grant, Chair of NHS England, statements are available to read on the NHS England website.

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/2013/05/21/dn-retire-from-nhs/>

The process for replacement is underway and will no doubt be closely followed by us all.

5. Recommendation

The Governing Body is asked to endorse the report.

Ian Atkinson, Accountable Officer

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