

Research and Education Update

Governing Body meeting

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Academic Health Sciences Network (AHSNs)

On 23 May, NHS England announced 15 AHSNs, including one for Yorkshire and Humber. The Yorkshire and Humber AHSN is committed to supporting the spread of innovation by building strong relationships between the NHS, scientific and academic communities and industry. Along with the three NHS Foundation Trusts and Sheffield City Council, the CCG has committed to be part of this new development. The local AHSN has set three strategic goals:

1. To improve health and reduce inequalities in population health by focusing on the chronic diseases which make the biggest impact on mortality in the region.
2. To transform the quality and efficiency of health services in the network through supporting the development, testing and rapid adoption of effective service innovations whether developed internally or outside the NHS.
3. To generate wealth in the region and the UK by developing a wealth creation system.

The AHSN provides an exciting opportunity to:

- Bring together the really great parts of the region to support and develop those areas that are facing tough challenges.
- Foster an 'improvement culture' which results in a step change in the quality of clinical care and patient experience we provide to our populations locally.
- Spread that learning and innovation across the wider NHS.
- Continuously improve efficiency
- Foster a much more innovative and effective partnership with Industry generating wealth locally and for the Country.

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) / Collaborative Leadership for Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) for Yorkshire and Humber

In August 2013, the Yorkshire and Humber CLAHRC was awarded funding of £10m, over the next five years from January 2014.

This new CLAHRC builds on the success of the two pilot CLAHRCs in the Yorkshire and Humber Region. The new collaboration believes that it can have a major impact on the regions inequalities and at the same time supporting the NHS and Local Authorities in developing new knowledge and exploring new ways of working to improve the health and wellbeing of our population

NIHR Research Capability Funding (RCF)

Sheffield CCG had been allocated RCF for 2013 of £20000 in 2013/14 on the basis of the research undertaken in general practice. The purpose of the RCF is to help research active NHS providers to act flexibly and strategically to maintain research capacity by supporting the appointment, development and retention of key staff undertaking of supporting, people and patient based research. For CCGs this means that they are expected to use the funding to maintain research capacity at General Practice level.

A condition of accepting the funding is that we complete an annual report setting out the use it has made of its funding.

Local Activities

- Right First Time Team and Chief Nurse have met with Sheffield Hallam University to explore ways of integrating principles of RFT into Education and Research activity. Similar conversations have also taken place with Sheffield University.
- CCG is now a member of the Local Partnership Board of NHS Education England.
- CCG attended a meeting of Cutler Group of Research Active practices in South Yorkshire
- Following a visit to the White House Practice, which is Sheffield's only Advanced Training Practice, the Chief Nurse attended Yorkshire and Humber Advanced Training Practice workshop organised by Education England.

Future Activities - Clinical Audit Awareness Week

This year the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) are promoting a 'Clinical Audit Awareness Week' for the week 7th to 11th October. The aim is to promote and engage colleagues in clinical audit and to showcase examples of good practice and change.

The Clinical Audit and Effectiveness team at Sheffield CCG will use this opportunity as follows:-

- Informal lunchtime promotional sessions to be held in the dining room Monday to Thursday
- Audit tea breaks on Monday and Thursday to include cakes and more informal sessions for Tuesday and Wednesday
- A quiz and word search (open to 722 and primary care)
- Poster displays, leaflets, etc.
- 'Clinical audit surgery' to include information about clinical audit, the remit of the Clinical Audit and Effectiveness team, available resources and planned programmes for 2013-14, time for Q&As and discussion of any project ideas
- Information will also be circulated to GP practices to encourage engagement (specific routes / content to be agreed). The Clinical Audit and Effectiveness Team will also be attending future PLI events to promote clinical audit and to engage with practices to discuss their specific requirements in relation to staff training to support clinical audit and quality improvement.

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