

**Accountable Officer Report**

Governing Body meeting

Item 17b

4 December 2014

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<b>Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting</b>	
Noting	
<b>Are there any Resource Implications</b>	
No	
<b>Audit Requirement</b>	
<b><u>CCG Objectives</u></b>	
<b><i>Which of the CCG's objectives does this paper support?</i></b>	
This paper provides assurance that risks will be identified and managed to help ensure the achievement of the CCG's objectives.	
<b><u>Equality impact assessment</u></b>	
<b><i>Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?</i></b> No	
There are no specific issues associated with this report.	
<b><u>PPE Activity</u></b>	
<b><i>How does your paper support involving patients, carers and the public?</i></b>	
None required.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	
The Governing Body is asked to note the report.	

## **Accountable Officer's report**

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#### **1.0 GP Provider Board**

As the Chair describes in his report, there has been progress on developing the GP Provider city-wide provider model. The CCG has been supportive of these developments since we require more citywide services offered outside of a traditional hospital setting. In particular, we are pursuing with the City Council, a community and primary care orientated Active Care service for patients who require intermediate care, step up and step down services and wider community services to reduce unnecessary admissions to hospital.

#### **2.0 Industrial Action**

Further industrial action is planned for Monday 24 November, broadly similar in scope to the previous October action. The CCG has again reviewed internal business continuity and through providers, wider service resilience. As previously, we are not expecting any major impact on patient services.

#### **3.0 Leadership Awards**

As the Governing Body will be aware, the CGG has been shortlisted in two categories in the Leadership Awards Finalists - Governing Body of the Year and Collaborative Leadership of the year for Tim Moorhead and Julie Dore's partnership work around the Health and Wellbeing Board and co-commissioning. The finalists will be chosen at a regional event in Leeds on the 3 December, so I will be able to give an update at the Governing Body meeting.

#### **4.0 Dr Charles Heatley to fly with NHS Volunteers to Sierra Leone**

One of the CCG's Portfolio Lead GPs, a Commissioning Executive Team member and GP Senior Partner at Birley Health Centre, Dr Charles Heatley is part of the first contingent of NHS volunteers to head to Sierra Leone to help support the efforts to stem the Ebola Epidemic. He was interviewed for the Independent on Sunday this last weekend and the story is accessible here. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/dr-charles-heatley-the-gp-off-to-do-battle-in-the-war-against-ebola-9877802.html>. Asked by the Independent why he wanted to go, Charles described what motivated him, "I was following the Ebola outbreak closely. One thing that struck me was an interview on the [BBC Radio 4] Today programme, with a guy describing agricultural projects in Sierra Leone that were just getting off the ground, and beginning to turn a profit before Ebola hit. The country was getting back off its knees [after the civil war] and starting to edge towards economic development. Ebola could destroy that". For those of us who have the pleasure in working with Charles, this compassion, whether for the population of Sierra Leone or our own in Sheffield, comes as no surprise. We wish him well and look forward to his safe return in the New Year.

## **5.0 Getting Ready for Winter**

We have just started the winter Choose Well campaign to inform people about the NHS services available to them over winter and their appropriate use. An objective of the campaign is for people to download the CCG's free mobile app and we have the Hallam FM street team going out to promote that. We also have various advertising and a promotional campaign which has started this week. The website for the app is <http://www.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk/Your-Health/choose-well-guide.htm>

## **6.0 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Abuse**

Sixteen Days of Action campaign is a humanitarian campaign to help organisations, and staff within them, support each other around domestic abuse. The aim is to make the workplace better equipped to acknowledge the signs that indicate domestic abuse may be going on.

Nationally, 25% of women, so 1 in 4; and 16% of men, so just short of 1 in 5, are affected by domestic abuse at some point in their lives and the picture within Sheffield is comparable. In respect of the workplace, 58% of abused women miss at least three days of work a month and, at the very sharp end of domestic abuse i.e. death, two women are killed every week in England and Wales by a current or former partner and one third of these take place on workplace grounds.

The campaign runs from 25 November to 10 December 2014 and within the CCG we are having five days of action over the 16 day period.

We launched it at my weekly staff briefing on Monday 24 November and activities have and will include:

- A treasure hunt to find 16 facts about domestic abuse
- A pod cast for staff and managers detailing support the organisation can offer to staff who are victims of domestic abuse including flexible working, time off, additional support in relation to personal safety whilst in work (accompanied to and from vehicle, screened calls at work, alert to Reception etc), counselling, time during working hours to access practical support e.g. financial, housing advice, medical advice, contacting the police. This has also been written up and placed on the intranet
- Links to video clips highlighting what domestic abuse is
- A working lunch. Here, three survivors of domestic abuse are telling their stories for staff to hear about what their employers did that was helpful or not. We are using this personal feedback to help us develop our own CCG policy on domestic abuse
- During the whole campaign there will be posters around the office, tweets and Facebook postings

Support will be available during the whole campaign from our safeguarding team and HR. They are able to provide staff with details of where to access for external support.

Further information of the campaign can be found on the 16 days of action website: <http://16daysofaction.co.uk/>

## **5.0 Recommendations**

The Governing Body is asked to note the report.

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Accountable Officer  
November 2014