Accountable Officer's Report

Governing Body meeting

6 February 2014

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1.   Best Start Lottery Bid Strategy Session

Alongside a wide group of community and statutory stakeholders, Dr Margaret Ainger, Kate Laurance and myself spent two days working on the ambition and outcomes of the Best Start Lottery Bid. The session was externally facilitated and part of the prescribed process for creating the final submission due in March. The session was extremely helpful in distilling the core outcome from a complex and ambitious series of objectives.

2.   Commissioning Assembly Membership Working Group

I attended a joint NHS England and CCG event aiming to improve the ability of the Assembly to reflect the views of CCG Governing Bodies. Given the need to have a strong joint commissioning approach on a number of national policy positions (7 Day working, Urgent Care, Call to Action, etc), this is an important part of the new commissioning landscape and needs to work very effectively.

3.   Working Together Programme

The development of the projects to support the commissioning stream of work within "Working Together" is moving forward quickly. Each of the workstreams are working on their plans and interviews for the Programme Director, who will help the CCGs co-ordinate the programme, are scheduled to take place in early February.

4.   Joint Commissioning Executive

The meeting of officers from the City Council and the CCG to develop the proposals for our aim to better integrate Health and Care continue to be productive. Our initial objective is to secure agreements on the 2014/15 and 2015/16 Better Care Fund which reflect our joint commissioning intentions without destabilising existing services. The expectation is that an early return in February agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board will be built upon over the subsequent months.

5.   Recommendations

The Governing Body is asked to receive and note this report.

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24 January 2014