

Accountable Officer Report

Item 11b

Governing Body meeting

3 July 2014

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

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1. NHS Confederation Conference - Liverpool 2014

The key themes at the conference were:-

New models of care, Health and Care integration, Patient and Public Engagement and Leadership for Change.

Simon Stevens, the recently commenced NHS England Chief Executive, gave a summary of the dilemma the NHS is facing:-

- The most intense public focus ever on the quality and safety and dignity of our care;
- The most sustained budget crunch since the Second World War, now in Year Five of essentially flat health funding;
- The challenge of a growing population – three million more people in England by the end of the decade;
- The challenge of an ageing population – we now look after more pensioners than children;
- The growing challenge of obesity, dementia, multi-morbidity; alongside...
- More expansive and more expensive treatments

He described that he believed there is not a “one size fits all” solution to all of the above and that local solutions within a national framework would seem to offer the greatest opportunity for success. He was clear about the opportunities for new models of care to emerge and that the greater integration of health and care budgets would assist this. He set out a view that we need to have a greater application of research and more evaluation of our new systems.

There was clearly some recognition of the disruption the split in commissioning responsibilities has wrought with some acknowledgement that in the case of specialised services a further review of the core specialised services, as opposed to the broad categorisation we have at the moment, would assist this.

A theme of greater use of patients and citizens in the development of our services and linking the performance of the services to satisfaction was developed during Simon's speech and many others across the conference. The final day ended with a powerful set of presentations from patients and patients who were also NHS employees, doctors and managers, which forced us to re-think about the small things we need to do which could have huge impact <http://hellomynameis.org.uk/> and the more holistic approach we need to have for our service development and delivering true parity of esteem for the 1 in 4 of us who will suffer from mental health problems.

2. Quarter 4 Assurance meeting

The CCG had its Quarter 4 assurance meeting on the 9 June 2014. This was the 2013/14 year-end review. We are awaiting the final letter recording our assurance status but we received that the meeting was both a useful review of the year and helpful to explore some of the NHS England issues that the Governing Body has raised, such as communication with practices, co-commissioning, new arrivals primary care issues, hepatitis B and winter planning. The verbal feedback and draft dashboard indicate we have received full assurance.

3. Company Secretary

Linda Tully, our Company Secretary and former Authorisation Programme Director, is to leave the CCG at the end of August, meaning this will be her last meeting. After overseeing the exhaustive assurance process for the emerging CCG and setting out the governance arrangements for our first year, I want to put on record my thanks for her unstinting commitment to the CCG and the previous commissioning organisations in Sheffield. I am finalising replacement arrangements.

4. Recommendations

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Ian Atkinson, Accountable Officer

June 2014