

Accountable Officer's Report

Governing Body meeting

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1. Working Together Programme

A meeting of the provider and commissioners across the patch to discuss the next stages of the programme was held. The session predominantly brought both senior leaders from the providers and the commissioner up to date on the respective workstreams. There was a decision to meet on a regular basis and ensure that the project initiation documents, which the commissioners were working on, are completed for March 2014. Following a competitive process, Mr Will Cleary-Gray has been appointed as the Programme Director for the commissioners and will take up the fixed term post for 18 months initially on 30 March.

2. Academic Health Science Network (AHSN)

The previous Chair of the East of England Development Agency and Chairman of NHS Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes, Professor William Pope, has been appointed as the first Chairman of the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network.

Professor Pope will be responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network, which is one of 15 new AHSNs set up across the country to promote research and identify, adopt and spread innovation across the NHS.

3. Commissioning Support Unit

The current process of transferring some services to the CCG goes well, with full support from all teams involved.

As has been reported in the media, NHS Arden, Greater East Midlands, North Yorkshire and Humber, West and South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Commissioning Support Units have come to an agreement to create an alliance. This does not affect individual CSU sovereignty or SLAs with existing customers.

4. Staff Survey

The first national survey undertaken under the new commissioning arrangements has just been completed. The response rate for Sheffield CCG was 91%, which is a better response rate than most organisations and certainly the previous PCT organisations. The initial feedback is very positive and following discussion with staff side, a report will be presented to Governing Body in the coming months.

5. Recommendations

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

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