

Accountable Officer Report

Governing Body meeting

5 November 2015

Item 14b

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

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Since my last Governing Body report it has been announced that Sheffield is set to get £900m as part of the Sheffield City Region Devolution Agreement. As part of this it is planned that from 2017 the region will vote for a directly-elected Mayor who will oversee a range of powers including transport budgets and planning. We are only the second city in the UK to agree the outline of a proposed agreement on this scale. I have been party to many of the discussions about devolution via the Sheffield Executive Board and the agreement should be seen as an ongoing process in terms of its development. The region will continue to set out its proposals on Public Sector reform to the Government for how local resources will be pooled across the city and we will continue to work collaboratively with our partners to improve patient care.

Plans to develop our Primary Care Strategy are now moving at pace; the first of three workshops scheduled for before Christmas has already taken place, with volunteer GPs from the localities and representatives from the Local Medical Committee (LMC) attending. GPs from across the city have been invited to join us for the future discussions.

The Primary Care Strategy was also the subject of table discussions at the GP Members' Council meeting that took place this month. The meeting was well attended by member practices and there was a consensus in the room that we should work together to help develop primary care for the future, with a particular focus on workforce.

Feedback from the attendees at the event, where we also discussed the CCG's financial position, our key initiatives and our level three co-commissioning aspirations, has been very positive.

I attended the Children's Health and Wellbeing Board, chaired by Simon Morritt, Chief Executive of Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust. At the meeting all partners reinforced their commitment to supporting evidence based interventions to achieve improvement in child health outcomes. Partners have also agreed a local Emotional Wellbeing Transformation Plan, which integrates our work further with Sheffield City Council and education, and aims to improve community clinical and early support services.

We also heard that Sheffield has been successful in securing resources to pilot 'Healthy Minds' - CAMHS in-reach into Schools. We were also successful with our extended application for a targeted offer for vulnerable children and we are delighted to be the only CCG in the north of England to be piloting an offer for vulnerable children. This is likely to draw interest from central government as Sheffield becomes a pilot site, leading on new ways of working between mental health and education services.

I have, this month, agreed to take the Accountable Officer Lead for the Urgent and Emergency Care Network (UECN). UECNs are a requirement of the 5 Year Forward View. They are based on geographies required to give strategic oversight of urgent and

emergency care on a regional footprint, ensuring that patients with more serious or life threatening emergencies receive treatment in centres with the right facilities and expertise, whilst also assuring that individuals can have their urgent care needs met locally by services as close to home as possible. Our UECN is part of our Working Together programme and covers the area of South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire and Wakefield. At the first workshop of the UECN network last week we had over 50 people from the CCGs, the provider trusts, and Health Education England. On the back of that, one of my first tasks of this role will be to put in place governance arrangements to agree how regular meetings can provide for the interests of all partners. We will also look at the work division between the UECN and the System Resilience Groups (SRGs), which are the local groups tasked with undertaking the operational leadership of local services.

Sheffield's SRG meeting takes place this week and will be focused around winter planning. A tremendous amount of work is going on across the organisation around winter planning already, led by Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Nicki Doherty. Along with the SRG meeting, the city-wide Chief Executives' meeting also takes place this week and we are dedicating much of the meeting to going through this year's winter plans to make sure the system is fully resilient and ready for winter. The winter planning arrangements will commence on 1 November.

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has this month gone live with the first phase of its £35m Transformation through Technology programme. The embedding of the new system has created some issues in terms of our assurance processes and the data we receive as part of our duty to ensure patients are not coming to harm and receiving a high quality safe service. We have therefore had to respond to that by putting in other assurance measures – these have included twice-daily sitreps, visits undertaken by our Clinical Directors, Governing Body GPs, members of our Executive Team and NHS England's Senior Nurse and regular Director-level meetings. We are in ongoing discussions with the Trust about this issue.

As I write this report, the CCG is hosting the Care Quality Commission (CQC) who last week informed us of their plan to conduct a citywide inspection of Safeguarding and Looked after Children. We look forward to receiving their feedback post visit.

Finally, I journeyed down to London this month with our Chair, Dr Tim Moorhead, and Lay member, Mark Gamsu, to highlight some of our achievements as a CCG, following our shortlisting by the Health Service Journal (HSJ) Awards in their Board Leadership category. Recognising that great leadership is embedded throughout our organisation, I was delighted to have the opportunity to present this to the HSJ, and regardless of the outcome (to be announced on 18 November) we should all be very proud of the national recognition that even being shortlisted brings.

Recommendation

The Governing Body is asked to note the report.

Maddy Ruff
Accountable Officer
27 October 2015