

Accountable Officer Report

Item 18b

Governing Body

5 May 2016

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Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting	
Noting	
Are there any Resource Implications	
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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The new financial year 2016-2017 has commenced with a string of important and transformational meetings, and some exciting new appointments for the CCG.

Our Members' Council event was held on the evening of 13 April. This was a really productive meeting with lively debate and was a great opportunity to hear directly from colleagues working in general practice. It is important that our membership practices continue to drive the direction of travel for commissioning decisions and this was clearly evident at the meeting.

On Tuesday 19 April, 15 organisations from Sheffield's voluntary sector came together to talk about health and social care. It was a great turnout and I was struck by what the voluntary sector has to offer in Sheffield and will be working with CCG colleagues and partner organisations to ensure we work with the voluntary sector to ensure our patients benefit from what they have to offer.

The Shaping Health and Care in Sheffield event on 21 April saw partners from across the city, including those from the public, private and voluntary sectors, and citizen representative groups, come together to discuss how the organisations within the health and social care system can work together more closely to transform service delivery for the benefit of our patients. It was a well-attended event and there was a clear commitment in the room to working together to develop a sustainable plan for the future of health and social care in Sheffield. We are currently writing a short report with more information about what was captured from each of the 'table' discussions, and our planned next steps. Presentations from the day can be found on our website: <http://www.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk/our-projects/shaping-health-and-care-in-sheffield.htm>.

On 25 April colleagues from across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw's health, social care and voluntary sectors came together to explore the development of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) across the wider sub-regional footprint. Five transformational workstreams have now been established: Urgent and Emergency Care, for which I am the joint Executive Lead; Elective Care and Diagnosis; Cancer; Mental Health and Learning Disabilities; and Maternity and Children's Services. Five cross-cutting workstreams will underpin these and I am Executive Lead for Economic Development and Public Sector Reform.

The CCG submitted its Operational Plan to NHS England by the required deadline of 18 April. The draft Annual Report and Accounts for 2015/16 were also submitted to NHS England on 22 April, in line with the national timetable. I am pleased to confirm that we are able to report achievement of our statutory financial duties, as well as delivery of a surplus slightly higher than our control total. The final reported surplus was £7,490k (i.e. £40k more than the control total of £7,450k). This is discussed in more detail in the Finance report (paper C).

On 26 April, members of the CCG Commissioning Executive Team (CET) met with colleagues from NHS England to undertake the annual CCG Assurance review meeting for 2015/16. Each year NHS England undertake an assessment of how well each CCG is fulfilling its function of commissioning safe, good quality, sustainable services and compassionate care. Consideration is given to how CCGs are demonstrating;

- effective leadership, governance, partnership working and patient and public engagement
- robust planning and delivery of improvements in health services and health outcomes within the resources available
- strong financial management and delivery of sustainable health services for the people of Sheffield

As part of a very positive and open discussion, we took the opportunity to share with NHS England our portfolio of achievements and successes over the last 12 months, highlighting the significant progress being made by the CCG in its leadership, planning and delivery of sustainable health services for the people of Sheffield. This was received positively by NHS England colleagues, who expressed confidence in the actions which the CCG is taking. They did also recognise the significant challenges the CCG will face in 2016/17 through the size of the financial challenge and some areas of concern on the under-achievement of performance measures by providers. The outcome of the assessment is not expected to be formally notified to the CCG until some weeks after the assurance meeting and following completion of the NHS England national moderation process.

I met our coaches this month who have attended one of our Coaching Conversations courses that we put on to help staff develop skills in this area. I am a big supporter of coaching and want to see this culture embedded right across the organisation and wider. When I met with the group I told them about my own experience of being a coach and of being coached, for me it is about improving performance by getting away from finding solutions for people and instead helping people to develop and find their own solutions.

During April I also chaired a meeting of the Urgent and Emergency Care Steering Board and was joined by Professor Keith Willett, NHS England's Director for Acute Care, who is leading the Urgent and Emergency Care Review across the UK. Key themes discussed at the meeting included workforce planning for sustainability, patient demand for emergency care, and the national requirement for 111 to be a single point of access and its current performance.

I am pleased to announce that further to the recruitment process for the role of Chief Nurse, Penny Brooks has been appointed. Penny is an experienced Nurse Leader, having undertaken Director roles over a number of years within South Yorkshire across commissioner and provider functions and will join us during the Summer. In addition, we have recruited a QIPP and Recovery Director, Eugene Sullivan. Eugene is a very experienced Chief Finance Officer /Turnaround Director who has delivered substantial QIPP projects in some very challenging environments and will be working on a part time basis for an initial period of a few months.

Recommendation

The Governing Body is asked to note the report.

Maddy Ruff
Accountable Officer
26 April 2016