

Chairman's Report to the Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Committee – 3 May 2016

South East Coast Ambulance Trust (SECAMB)

Members will recall that at our WHSB Meeting of 7 Jan 2016 we scrutinised the performance of SECAMB, particularly over the fact that the triaging method had been altered substantially without full agreement of the SECAMB management board.

The outcome of our scrutiny was that we requested that the SECAMB communicates the outcomes of the patient impact, governance and clinical reviews with the WHSB and reports on any changes to its services as a result. It appears that these reports will be available in time for our next WHSB meeting on 7 July.

The Board will then be in a position to scrutinise the detail of these proposed improvements and understand the timescales for change. I propose that this will also allow us to see the key themes emerging from our regional scrutiny counterparts, and use that to inform our discussions.

Better Care Fund

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one element of the wider NHS strategic planning arrangements set out to deliver the NHS Five Year Forward View, a shared vision for the future of the NHS based around the new models of care and the description of how the health service needs to change over the next five years if it is to close the widening gaps in the health of the population, quality of care and the funding of services.

At its meeting of the 17 April 2016 the Surrey Health and Wellbeing agreed detailed Integration Plans for the 2016/17 operation of the BCF for each of the Surrey CCGs.

Sustainability and Transformation Plans

The emerging Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) are a basic component of the NHS Five Year Forward View, and will bring together commissioners and suppliers more effectively. This will enable joint end-to-end redesign of clinical pathways (process re-engineering) to provide better outcomes for patients and better value for money.

The transformation footprints for the Surrey STPs and their leadership have been agreed recently:

1. The Frimley Health Footprint covers the catchment area of the Frimley Health Foundation Trust and so includes Surrey Heath CCG and North East Hants

and Farnham CCG. It will be led by Sir Andrew Morris, CEO of Frimley Health

2. The Sussex and East Surrey Footprint includes East Surrey CCG and is led by Michael Wilson, CEO of Surrey and Sussex Hospital Trust.
3. The Surrey Heartlands Footprint includes the catchment areas of Guildford and Waverley CCG; North West Surrey CCG; Surrey Downs CCG and is led by our own David McNulty.

Initial Sustainability and Transformation Plans for 2016/17 are to be approved by July 2016 and we may carry out some initial scrutiny at our 14 Sep 2016 Meeting.

Internal Audit Report: Review of the HIV Service

Board Members may be aware that an internal audit report on the HIV services joint funded by the NHS and Surrey County Council was published on 27 April. This featured one high priority recommendation and a number of medium priority recommendations. The findings will also be reported to the Audit and Governance Committee on 26 May.

I have sought assurance from officers that this is being taken forward by the relevant services, and asked that they report progress against the audit's Management Action Plan at our meeting on 7 July. In this way, I believe we can add best value by monitoring progress and ensuring any concerns are being suitably addressed.

I will also ask officers to circulate this report to you, please do contact me if you've specific comments that you wish addressed by that update to our next meeting.

Finance

Public Health Budgets.

Following our briefings earlier this year, we will establish a small working party to continue to scrutinise the Public Health Budgets. The first meeting of this working party will be held after the first quarter budget report is available, probably towards the end of July.

For the 2016/17 year we will try to help minimise the impact of the necessary 20% cut to the budget. For the 2017/18 year we will help to identify savings in good time for budget setting early in the 2017 calendar year. Currently additional 10% savings are assumed for 2017/18.

Financial Pressures on Surrey's Health Service

The health service in Surrey is undergoing a time of increasing demand and reducing resources. The pressure is reflected in higher savings targets, although these remain significantly less than those required in social care due to the

government announcing the NHS budget as protected. Savings may result in risks to the quality of services. The WHSB will need to consider how to detect and evaluate the impact of any adverse impacts on the residents of Surrey arising from this source.

Local Matters

Surrey Downs CCG Community Hospital Services Consultation

Surrey Downs CCG is currently conducting a 14 week public consultation on a review of community hospital services to look at inpatient (overnight) rehabilitation care, as well as day clinics and other specialist appointments. This includes some options for how services could be delivered in future. This consultation ends on 5 May and I have asked Tim to take this forward and respond on behalf of the Board. You are also welcome, of course, to make your individual views known through the consultation process.

Estate Redevelopment at Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

Members may recall that at our Meeting of 2 July 2015 we heard from the CEO, Daniel Elkeles, an outline of the apparent need to replace the aging buildings at the Hospitals. Subsequently Daniel has committed to deliver a preferred option for the redevelopment by the end of June.

On 19 Mar 2016 Daniel and his management team hosted 2 events at which members of the public were invited to help to fix the criteria against which the options for redevelopment will be evaluated. Several WHSB Members took part in these events.

We will invite the Trust to our WHSB meeting on 7 July 2016 to outline the preferred option and how they will undertake public consultation.

Quality Summit at Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

I will be attending a Quality Summit on 1 June 2016. The Quality Summit will follow the standard form under which the Care Quality Commission will present the findings from its recent Inspection. The Trust will then respond to the Inspection findings and set out what it is doing to address the issues raised and what, if any, additional support it needs.

Following this, focus will shift to agreeing a high level action plan in response to the findings.

Forward Planning

WHSB Reset Event

I intend to hold this event early in the new Council Year with the objective of refreshing our approach to scrutiny, particularly through the work of our Member Reference Groups. I hope that all WHSB Members will be able to attend.

There are 2 important sources that I believe can impact significantly on our work in the coming year:

1. NHS Planning Guidance on Delivering the NHS 5 Year Forward View.
The Guidance defines 9 'must dos' for each STP Footprint in 2016/17 including, for example, getting back on track with access standards for A&E and ambulance waits; actions to address the sustainability and quality of general practice; and the 2 new mental health access standards. We need to reflect on which of the 'must dos' are particularly relevant to our residents and examine how effective the actions are in addressing them.
2. 360 Degree Assessments for Clinical Commissioning Groups.
Each of our 6 CCGs is required by NHS England to invite annual 360 degree evaluations of their performance from a number of the CCG's partners. The majority of Surrey CCGs invite either the Chairman of WHSB or an MRG Member to provide this feedback, giving us and the CCGs the opportunity to discuss shared priorities and ways to work better together.

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