

Chairman's Report to the Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board – 14 September 2016

Borough and District Representatives

Welcome to Darryl Ratiram who is the new co-opted representative from Surrey Heath; and Tony Axelrod, who is the new co-opted Representative for Epsom and Ewell. We expect our third co-opted member to join us for the November meeting, following confirmation from the Surrey Leader's Group.

I'd also like to welcome Emma O'Donnell, who has joined Democratic Services, and will be supporting the Board as Committee Assistant.

Progress on the Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)

The next steps for the progress of the STPs has been further clarified, with the latest re-submission date to NHS England being confirmed as 21 October.

This is a national timeframe, and you may have seen public awareness of the plans has increased with recent reports in national media such as the Guardian and BBC.

I note with some disappointment that these plans presently remain unavailable for public scrutiny. It also means that many proposals about the future provision of services are on hold, or considered confidential until these plans are made public. We expect to be able to bring an update from each of the three Surrey STPs to the next Board Meeting on 10 November.

Surrey Heartlands STP has called a meeting on 29 September to form a Members' Reference Group. I shall be pressing for distinct roles for Executive and Scrutiny functions in any arrangements.

I will also be meeting the leadership of Frimley Health STP and of Sussex and East Surrey STP in order to agree a suitable means by which the Board may exercise our scrutiny function.

It is important to note that Surrey provides a relatively small part of the footprint for these two STPs, though the Board will want to consider how the three plans align across Surrey and do not increase inequalities across the county.

Coordination with HOSC Chairmen for SE England, NHS England and the Care Quality Commission

On 14 July I took part in discussions with the other Health Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen and Officers for South East England, NHS SE England and the Care Quality Commission. I was elected Chairman of this group and we will be meeting on a half yearly basis.

We were given an overview briefing by Felicity Cox, NHS Director of Commissioning Services for SE England, the key points of which were:

- Felicity had joined Sir Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England, and Jim Mackie Chief Executive of NHS Improvement in reviewing the initial STPs for the South East of England. The Surrey Heartlands STP was commended in particular.
- The following were recognised as issues for the STPs:
 - o Governance of the implementation of the STP plans would be challenging
 - o There was a need to obtain buy-in from Elected Members.
 - o It would be likely to be difficult to convince the public of the necessity for changes to health services.
- The Clinical Senate was currently involved in producing recommendations for relocation of some specialist services, including Vascular Services and Cardiology Services. The intention was to concentrate services into centres of excellence, similar to the approach on Stroke Services.
- Conversion courses would be available to pharmacists to enable them to upskill and be involved in Community Pharmacies for which legislation was pending.
- Provision of enough GPs in some parts of the region continues to be a problem with more resignations than ever before. The NHS is taking this up as a national issue.
- The NHS was assisting the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) with their plans for development of Primary Care. Each CCG will be reporting against a performance dashboard.

The HOSC Chairmen and Officers were also given an overview briefing by Alan Thorne of the Care Quality Commission:

- Having completed its first round of inspections CQC will be reducing the number of inspectors in each inspection, and also prioritising inspections (similar to the OFSTED approach). The focus will be on those institutions in any degree of special measures.
- A proposal will be going for consultation to extend CQC coverage to include independent ambulance services; and independent health service providers.
- The CQC was still concerned about SECamb. The Quality Summit for SECamb is in late September, and we will keep abreast of developments as the inspection findings become publicly available.
- Royal Surrey County Hospital (RSCH) had been rated as 'good', but CQC remained concerned about emergency work and finance and was meeting RSCSH leaders every month.

Social Care Services Board (SCSB)

On 2 September I took part in a meeting of the SCSB on behalf of the Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board.

This was to hear reports from the Surrey Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) and from the Strategic Director of Children's Schools and Families. The reports covered, amongst other topics, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

The Board heard how SSCB works with a range of agencies, including health partners, to prevent and tackle CSE. You can read the reports in the agenda papers for the meeting, and minutes will be available on the public website in due course¹.

The SSCB has set up a Task and Finish Group on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The Group was chaired by Public Health and there was good coordination with the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB), since FGM impacts on women as well as girls.

The Social Care Services Board endorsed a proposal that the Task and Finish Group extends its remit to include 'honour' based violence and Forced Marriage.

My personal view was that legislation on CSE and all 3 of these classes of violence against women and children had been brought into UK law far too late in the day.

National evidence from the most recent Annual Report from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) shows that the level of prosecutions and convictions is very poor. This makes the work of the Task and Finish Group on prevention all the more important.

Recommissioning of Sexual Health Services

On 9 September, as recommended by the Board, I had discussions with Lisa Andrews of Public Health on the recommissioning of Sexual Health Services. A paper will be submitted to the Cabinet Meeting of 20 September recommending awarding a 3 year Contract, worth £4 million pa, to Central and North West London NHS Trust, commencing from 1 April 2017.

This will see the number of providers reduce from three to one. Performance for the contract will be monitored against the appropriate nationally defined KPIs.

It is proposed that the new service makes more use of IT communications and a hub and spoke architecture for the delivery of the services. Some detail of where the services will be located has yet to be agreed.

It is proposed to invite Public Health to the Board in 12 months for an update on how the services will have been operating in since the start of the 2017/18 financial year.

Other Meetings Attended Since Last WHSB Meeting

On 13 July I met the Guildford and Waverley CCG CEO, Dominic Wright; and the Commissioning Director, Hannah Yasuda. We discussed a number of items, including the material to be examined in today's Board Meeting.

On 18 August I took part in stakeholder meeting on Stroke Services across West Surrey. This Meeting was hosted by The Royal Surrey County Hospital, and Ashford

¹ The agenda of the meeting is available here (minutes pending):
<http://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=435&MId=5043&Ver=4>

and St Peter's Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts. Much of the subject matter will be covered in our agenda item on the Stroke Service Review today.

On 12 September I met Helyn Clack to discuss Health and Wellbeing Board business. We discussed the significant funding challenges faced by both the NHS and Surrey County Council, the role of the STPs, and how the Board might scrutinise these topics in the months ahead. We also covered the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in establishing priorities across the county.

Upcoming Meetings

21 September to take part in an event on STPs at the Centre for Public Scrutiny

28 September to take part in a Quality Summit for SECAMB

29 September to take part in a newly forming Members' Reference Group for the Surrey Heartlands STP.

7 October to take part in the WHSB Performance and Finance Group examining Public Health's performance against plan, but more particular the intentions for 2017/18.