

## Chief Officer's Report

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## **Executive summary**

This report provides an update on recent developments and areas which may be of interest, that do not form part of the wider Governing Body meeting agenda. This paper includes an update on our Sustainability and Transformation Plan, delegated primary care commissioning and an update from the Surrey Health and Well-being Board.

### **1. Sustainability and Transformation Plan update**

Following on from publication of NHS England's 'Five Year Forward View' strategy, local NHS organisations have been asked to look at how they can work together more closely. As part of this work, clinical commissioning groups and organisations providing healthcare must develop a five year Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). This work started in February 2016 and saw us join with North West Surrey CCG and Guildford and Waverley CCG and local healthcare providers (in an area collectively known as Surrey Heartlands) to start to explore the opportunities closer working could bring to patients and the local health system.

CCGs were required to submit their revised draft Sustainable and Transformation Plans by 21 October and I am pleased to report that we successfully met this submission deadline.

Sharing our plan, and involving local people and stakeholders in shaping the detail, will be critical to the success of our STP and following feedback on our submission from NHS England and NHS Improvement, on Friday 18 November we published our draft plan.

We have already begun engaging with local people and stakeholders through our Stakeholder Reference Group and through the work we are starting as part of our citizen-led engagement and we will continue to involve local people as our plans develop further.

Further information, and our latest submission can be found on our website - <http://www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk/about-us/surrey-heartlands/>.

### **2. Delegated primary care commissioning**

Following changes that are taking place in other areas, we are currently considering taking on delegated commissioning for primary care services. Currently primary care services are commissioned by NHS England so a move to delegated commissioning would see this responsibility transfer from NHS England to the CCG. This would mean the CCG would take on the primary care commissioning budget and responsibility for commissioning primary care services in the Surrey Downs area.

Delegated commissioning offers CCGs opportunities to improve out-of-hospital services for local populations and to improve integration between primary care and other parts of the health system.

However, if we take on delegated commissioning, it would mean a significant change to the functions of the CCG and to our Constitution. Under our current governance framework, decisions of this nature need to be made by our member practices, through a voting process. This is taking place during November.

If practices support taking on delegated commissioning we will then make an application to

NHS England in early December. NHS England will consider the application and make a decision on whether we can proceed. An update on the outcome of the vote will be included in my next Governing Body report.

### **3. Planning and contracting**

Planning is well underway for 2017/18 and discussions with providers are ongoing. In line with the timescales set by NHS England, we are working with providers to finalise contracts for next year by 23 December 2016. This is also the date we are required to submit our 2017/18 financial template and Operating Plan to NHS England.

### **4. Updated guidance relating to CCG Constitutions**

NHS England has updated its guidance relating to the process for amending CCG Constitutions. The new guidance does not fundamentally alter the requirement for NHS England to oversee any changes and the assurance requirements remain the same.

However, the guidance has been updated to set CCG Constitutions more firmly in the context of Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs). As a result there is now an implicit test that requires that any changes will need to be consistent with the development of local joint working arrangements, specifically STPs. The guidance also provides reference for situations where CCGs may wish to enter into joint management or joint Accountable Officer arrangements and the need for dialogue with NHS England on any such changes.

### **5. Appointment of External Auditors**

Following a procurement process I can confirm that NHS Surrey Downs CCG has appointed KPMG to act as its external auditors from 1 April 2017, replacing the existing auditors (Grant Thornton). The contract will run for three years.

The CCG established an audit panel in accordance with Department of Health Requirements, comprising of the members of the CCG's Audit Committee. A procurement exercise was conducted jointly with NHS Surrey Heath CCG, NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG and NHS North West Surrey CCG. In making the appointment the Governing Body accepted the advice of its audit panel that a proper procurement process had been carried out and that the appointment was subject to proper evaluation of all the bids received.

To ensure full transparency, this information is also published on our CCG website - <http://www.surreydownscg.nhs.uk/get-informed/financial-information/>.

### **6. Shortlisted for national award**

The CCG has been shortlisted for the *Clinical Commissioning Award* in the national Health Business Awards. The award organisers read about our recent Health Plus Care award win for the changes we had made to our governance structure, and for establishing our new Clinical Cabinet, and submitted a nomination on our behalf. The CCG has come a long way over the past year and our new arrangements are working well, so it is nice to be recognised in this way. The award ceremony takes place on 29 November 2016 in London.

## 7. Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board update

At a meeting on 8 September 2016, attended by Dr Claire Fuller as our Surrey Downs CCG representative, the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board:

- Agreed a change to its Terms of Reference, strengthening the area relating to collaboration and working with local authorities and health organisations across the region
- Discussed a letter the Board had received from National Energy Action: Action for Warmer Homes that related to the success of Health and Wellbeing Boards in tackling cold-related ill health. The Board were informed that they had received the highest available rating in the report and that the final report would be available shortly.
- Received an update regarding correspondence that had been sent to the Communities and Local Government Committee in response to a call for evidence into the financial sustainability of local authority adult social care and the quality of care provided.
- Discussed correspondence received by the Board from a Surrey resident regarding the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies service and some concerns relating to one of the service providers. It was noted that the issue is being investigated and that an update would be brought to a future meeting.

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