

Governing Body  
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## Joint Accountable Officer's Report

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<b>Attached:</b>	None
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<b>Risk</b>	There are no risks on the assurance framework and / or risk register relating to items in this report.
<b>Compliance observations:</b>	<b>Finance:</b> Not applicable
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	<b>Equality impact:</b> Not applicable
	<b>Privacy impact:</b> Not applicable
	<b>Legal:</b> Not applicable

## **Executive summary**

This report provides an update on recent developments and areas which may be of interest, and do not form part of the wider Governing Body meeting agenda.

## **Appointments to joint leadership team and changes to Governing Body membership**

Following my appointment as Joint Accountable Officer my intention has always been to move to having a joint leadership team in place across the three CCGs. I am pleased to announce that we have now made permanent appointments to almost all positions in the new executive team. Appointments to date are as follows:

Karen McDowell, Chief Finance Officer  
Elaine Newton, Executive Director of Communications and Corporate Affairs  
Clare Stone, Executive Director of Quality  
Sumona Chatterjee, Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning  
Vicky Stobbart, Managing Director for Guildford and Waverley CCG  
Karen Thorburn, Managing Director for North West Surrey CCG

A recruitment process is currently underway to appoint a permanent Managing Director for Surrey Downs CCG but I am delighted that Donna Derby joined us in mid November as Interim MD until the permanent appointment is made.

Following these appointments, there have been some changes to our Governing Body membership and I would like to welcome new members that have joined us today.

## **Epsom and St Helier 2020-2030**

Following the trust's estates review and its recent engagement programme, earlier in the month Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust published its Strategic Outline Case for Epsom and St Helier 2020-2030. The document sets out the trust's current thinking and includes possible options for how some acute services could be provided in future, with proposals to co-locate some specialist acute services onto one site – at either Epsom, St Helier or at Sutton Hospital.

Under the proposals, the majority of care would still be delivered locally, as it is now at Epsom and St Helier Hospitals, with several more specialist services (major A&E, inpatient paediatrics, maternity, complex emergency medicine, critical care and emergency surgery) potentially moving onto one location.

The trust's engagement programme found that there was support from local people and stakeholders who gave their views to explore this idea further and following publication of the Strategic Outline Case, commissioners in both Surrey and south west London and NHS Improvement as regulators will now need to consider next steps.

If the proposal does move forward, the views of local people and partners would be sought through a public consultation next autumn.

More information on these proposals, and feedback from the trust's recent engagement programme, is available on the trust's website at <https://www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk/epsom-and-st-helier-2020-2030>.

## Delegated commissioning

We continue to engage with our member practices on the issue of delegated primary care commissioning, which would see responsibility for the core commissioning of GP services transfer from NHS England to the CCG if our member practices support this change. As this would require a change to our CCG Constitution our intention is to ask our member practices to vote on this issue in the coming weeks. If supported, we would then need to make a formal application to NHS England to take on this responsibility.

## Update on Surrey Heartlands and devolution

David McNulty, who recently stepped down as Chief Executive from Surrey County Council, has now moved into the role of Independent Chair of the Surrey Heartlands health and care partnership.

At our last Transformation Board meeting we focused on a number of key areas including the allocation of the £9 million (from a total of £15 million) of Transformation Funding that NHS England agreed to devolve to Surrey Heartlands from the end of September 2017 and the process of reviewing a series of business cases to agree how this funding will be allocated.

In addition to the £9 million funding, at the end of September we also heard that the bid we submitted for additional emergency and urgent care transformation had been successful and this will see a further £400k of one off funding into the local Surrey Heartlands system to implement a system that will improve access to real time data to improve care.

In terms of devolution, work continues to refine the areas we are asking to be devolved from 2018/19 and following a series of workshops we will be presenting a report to the NHS England Commissioning Committee for approval in December which sets out the functions and responsibilities that would change from 1st April 2018.

Surrey Heartlands has also recently re-launched its website at [www.surreyheartlands.uk](http://www.surreyheartlands.uk) and we continue to involve and engage stakeholders and local people through our citizen led engagement work, our Stakeholder Reference Group and through other local groups and forums.

## Winter and promoting the seasonal flu vaccination programme

As a system, we continue to work collaboratively to ensure plans are in place to manage the additional demands placed on health and care services during the winter period. This includes planning at both local, and system, levels, including through Surrey Heartlands.

As well as the operational plans we are putting in place to managed increased demand for services, we are also continuing to raise awareness of the seasonal flu vaccination programme for people who are in one of the clinical at risk groups. To improve uptake, we have initiated a joint campaign, working with Surrey Heartlands and Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board partners, to raise awareness of the programme and the at risk groups and where to access care and advice if people do feel unwell during the winter months (promoting alternatives NHS111 and pharmacists as alternatives to A&E for more routine health issues). The campaign includes adverts on Eagle radio, media work, local roadshows and targeted activity aimed at specific groups (such as pregnant women and parents of 2-4 year olds, who are now

included in the clinical at risk groups).

More information about staying safe and well this winter, and details of people who are eligible for a flu vaccination as part of the national programme can be found on our website at [www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk](http://www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk).

### **Commissioning intentions for 2018/19**

As part of our annual planning cycle, we have developed our draft commissioning intentions for 2018/19. Essentially these are our plans for next year and incorporate both how we will implement the NHS' national priorities (including the NHS Five Year Forward View and GP Forward View) and how we will continue to improve care locally through a range of different initiatives and schemes.

This year we have worked with colleagues in Guildford and Waverley and North West Surrey CCGs to develop a document that sets out our joint commissioning intentions, both across the wider Surrey Heartlands partnership and also at a more local level. We will be launching a public engagement programme in January 2018 to seek the views of local communities and our stakeholders on the plans we have set out and we will use the feedback we receive to shape how we implement our plans and local projects. I will provide a further update on this in my January update to the Governing Body.

### **Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board update**

Our Clinical Chair, Dr Russell Hills, represents Surrey Downs CCG on the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board and attends both formal meetings of the Board and business meetings. The Board has not met again since my last Governing Body update but is due to meet on 7 December 2017.

For details of the meeting in public, and papers, see the [Surrey County Council website](#).

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