Welcome to my latest update for February and March 2018, with news and highlights from around Hull CCG.

**Strategic and corporate update**

The new refreshed NHS planning guidance for 2018/19 was published last month by NHS England with an announcement of a growth of £3.2m above previously notified funding for 2018/19 for Hull CCG. This funding is very welcome to support our winter pressures planning, ensure that our waiting lists reduce, fund growth in elective and non-elective care where appropriate and fund increased investment in mental health services.

The Humber Coast and Vale Partnership has launched the review of acute hospital services across Hull, East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire. The review will be clinically-led and will include patients, support groups and the wider public in early conversations about the future of services. At the moment the review is looking at three service areas: ENT; Urology; and Haematology. Work will begin to review other clinical areas in the coming months.

**Partnership Update**

We marked a huge milestone recently with the near-completion of the new East Hull fire station at the Jean Bishop Integrated Care Centre. The fire station is a fantastic element within the new Centre.

We are leading the way in Hull by collaborating with Humberside Fire and Rescue Service whose expert skills will support the care and rehabilitation of patients. This is another example of public sector partners in Hull working together to support some of the most frail and vulnerable people in the city.

The Integrated Care Centre will open this year and will initially focus on supporting frail individuals identified through screening in primary care.

I was very pleased that Hull was also chosen as a case study for the recent Kings Fund publication *Reimagining community services - Making the most of our assets*. The feature focuses on our ‘journey’ to achieve closer integration and co-ordination with primary care, social care and acute care.

Erica Daley and I recently attended the Strategic Partnership Visioning Day chaired by Chris Rowley, newly appointed Deputy Chief Constable for Humberside Police on 16 February. All the public sector organisations that serve the people of Hull were represented at the event that focused on pooling intelligence and sharing data to ensure we manage future demand on public services better.

Although I did not make a personal appearance at the Cultural Transformations event at Hull University on 15-16 March, I was delighted to be interviewed on camera for the conference film - alongside artists, teachers, funders and local business leaders - to highlight the wide-ranging impact of the year of culture across the city.

The conference focused on the five different ‘impact areas’ of Hull 2017: arts and culture; place-making; the economy; society and wellbeing; and partnerships and development.
GP Nursing awards
I was delighted to see nurses working in GP Practices in Hull do so well in the Recognising the Value of General Practice Nursing (GPN) Nursing Awards for the Humber Coast and Vale area.

The awards recognise and celebrate the vital contribution practice nurses and other healthcare professionals make to improve patient care as part of the primary care team. Winners go on to the Yorkshire and the Humber finals to be held on 21st March in York:

- Rising Star (Practice Nurse with less than two years’ experience) – Lisa Hessey from the Haxby Group – Runner-up
- Practice Nurse Leadership – Hull and the Vale of York Haxby Group team - Winner
- General Practice Nurse Innovator of the Year – Elaine Vine-Jenkins shortlisted from the James Alexander Family Practice – Runner-up
- Practice Nurse Mentor of the Year – Debra Smith, The Haxby Group – Winner
- Practice Nurse Preceptor of the Year – Sarah Butler, The Haxby Group – Winner

It was also very good to see Hull CCG picking up a Yorkshire and Humber finance award for ‘Close Partnering and Collaboration’ with East Riding of Yorkshire CCG and Hull and East Yorkshire Hospital Trust for the Aligned Incentive Contract. Congratulations to all the finance and contracting teams across all three organisations that contribute to the success of this new way of working.

We also picked up ‘highly commended’ in the national LGC Award’s Health and Social Care category for excellent partnership working between ourselves and Hull City Council.

Sporting partnerships
Rugby league England and Great Britain star Jamie Peacock will be working with our CCG team again in 2018. The parallels Jamie draws between sport and the public sector has helped us to look again at what we do, and how we approach our work towards creating a healthier city.

Out in the community, Jamie is soon to be joined by Gareth Ellis, who has also played rugby league for England and Great Britain, to deliver their ‘Be A Champion’ programme in one of our a local secondary schools. The programme engages 100-150 year 7 children promoting positive thinking, good sleep, healthy eating and physical activity. Children will have one hour each week on the programme for four weeks with a parent present for the first and last sessions.

Continuing on the rugby theme – we are supporting Teaming Up for Health – the joint campaign led by both Rugby clubs that has been commissioned the CCG to promote healthy lifestyles will launch on Good Friday at the local derby match.

Down’s Syndrome Awareness Day and pathway development
Nearly two years work between the CCG, local families, carers, health and social care professionals and people with Down Syndrome culminated in the launch of the new Down’s Syndrome Pathway for Hull on 21 March.

I was lucky to personally meet the passionate and dedicated group of parents who want to improve access to mainstream and specialist services, not just for their children, but for all people living with Down’s Syndrome in Hull.

I am proud to see how far this work has progressed. I want to thank the many people who have worked with the CCG to support the development of the new pathway and have shared their experiences of the local health and care system, from screening to diagnosis to living well with Down’s Syndrome.

Focus on cancer
As part of the NHS England North focus on cancer in March 2018 our Associate Medical Director Dr James Crick featured twice in podcasts speaking about the small lifestyle changes that people can make to reduce the risk of cancer and the importance of early cancer diagnosis.

The recent celebration of International Women’s Day in Hull gave me a chance to reflect on Hull’s own Headscarf Heroes. Fishing was an incredibly dangerous job for the trawler men, but it was the bravery of the women in the fishing community in campaigning that helped get the industry changed for the better. I’m proud to be associated with a city that has so much history. The Headscarf Heroes saved countless lives and we should all be thankful - these women were truly inspirational in my eyes.

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