This is my last Chief Officer’s Board Update for 2018 featuring news and highlights from NHS Hull CCG.

Long Term Plan for the NHS

The NHS has just launched its ten year vision known as the Long Term Plan. The Plan will be based around life stages, with intervention programmes that focus around early life, staying healthy and ageing well. Clinical priorities include cardio-vascular, cancer and respiratory, learning disabilities, autism and mental health. The ‘enablers’ for the Long Term Plan will be workforce, primary care, digital innovation and technology, research and innovation and engagement.

At the regional meeting in York recently NHS Chief Executive Simon Stevens shared the Long Term Plan and CCGs were asked specifically to contribute to three areas - workforce, improving productivity and efficiency and the development of Integrated Care Systems. Under the Long Term Plan, by 2020, every Sustainability and Transformation Partnership will become an Integrated Care System where NHS organisations, in partnership with local councils and others, take collective responsibility for managing resources and improving the health of their populations. Whilst it is early days, this is obviously going to be a key element and focus for us in Hull over the coming months in terms of how our own strategy aligns to the priorities of the Plan.

National Better Care Team at Integrated Care Centre

We were pleased to welcome the national Better Care Support team and senior NHS England colleagues to Hull last week for a tour of the City Council’s Extra Care facility at Cecil Gardens and the Jean Bishop Integrated Care Centre (ICC). I was pleased that one of the national team members remarked how he could see how galvanised everybody was around a shared vision.

We have had a lot of national and regional interest in the ICC and the video Ray’s Story was featured in NHS England’s Future Health and Care bulletin recently. You can watch the film on our website www.hullccg.nhs.uk

There was a further buzz (if you pardon the pun) last week as KCOM decided to make-over the phone box near the ICC with black and yellow stripes for Jean ‘Bee Lady’ Bishop. Jean did the unveiling herself and I was so pleased that some of the clinical and social care staff were there too. The Clinical Support Workers (pictured in uniform) who work for City Health Care Partnership CIC are a massive part of the reason why the ICC is working so well. They are the ones who do the home visits, building those initial relationships which help ensure we get the engagement and attendance at the ICC.

A Day in the Life 2018

Now in its fourth year, the interactive learning event A Day in the Life involved two Hull secondary schools and Rise Academy - which works with post-16 year olds not in employment, education, training - and a range of health organisations. This is just one of the ways we are encouraging young people to think about a career in healthcare by them having look behind the scenes at the range of roles and opportunities there are to get into an NHS career.
Are You Alright Mate?

Our focus on the importance of mental health issues led to the hugely well received Are you Alright Mate? men’s mental health event on 13 November. A full house of 200 people attended and interviews with key people were featured throughout the morning on the BBC Humberside Burnsy Show. Speakers throughout the morning included Dr Scot Richardson and Geoff McDonald - who had a powerful story about an episode in his own life which caused him to become a very active campaigner breaking the stigma associated with mental health. We also heard from local people with lived mental health experiences. The feedback noted how ‘emotional and honest’ the event was and how privileged people felt hearing such personal stories.

Moving on

Over the years we have been fortunate to experience a relatively small staff turnover although we have had some changes since the last update.

We said goodbye to Karen Billany, Acute Care Strategic Lead, in October. Karen has been a compassionate, caring, hardworking team member who has given so much of her life to the NHS. She is taking on a new clinical role in the USA where her family is based.

Dave Blain, CCG Adult Safeguarding Lead and former paramedic with many years in the NHS is due to take up a secondment into an NHS England regional adult safeguarding role shortly. Dave has really transformed the adult safeguarding agenda in Hull and used his wider expertise and knowledge across the organisation and in the community with CPR, Prevent training and business continuity planning and more.

Gill Dowley, Commissioning Manager - Acute Care, another long-serving member of the team will be joining the public health team at Hull City Council leading primarily on sexual health. Again, I have really appreciated all the excellent work Gill has done over the years. She’s a really positive person who will be really missed. I wish them all well in their future endeavours.

I also want to mention Dr Vince Rawcliffe who retires from GP Practice in December. Vince is an incredibly talented, passionate doctor who really focuses on patient care. He’s been a fantastic GP to patients and families in Hull over many years. He has been with the CCG Board from the start in 2013 and he will continue in his invaluable CCG GP Board member role.

Outside of the CCG, Moira Dumma, NHS England Director of Commissioning Operations for Yorkshire and the Humber leaves in December and I want to thank her for being a staunch supporter of Hull CCG and all we are trying to achieve. David Smith, Chief Executive for HEY MIND, has left for a new role in the North East following his instrumental role in bringing in the voluntary sector to enhance local health programmes.

Stay Well this Winter

Daily winter reporting starts this from month and we have refined our system plans in preparation for colder weather. I’m pleased that we were able to give NHS England a robust account of what we have commissioned to manage winter pressures including urgent care, discharge arrangements and additional capacity in the community in Hull. As well as the national Help Us to Help You promotion this Winter, we are working with partners to promote appropriate use of urgent healthcare services particularly the Emergency Department. Find out more at www.staywellthiswinter.co.uk

Health care for veterans

This year - which has passed all too quickly - has been marked by a number of important anniversaries, including the celebration of 70 years of the NHS, 100 years since women’s right to vote and 20 years since the Good Friday Agreement.

It is also, of course, 100 years since the end of the First World War and we were very honoured to be among the many local organisations and veterans laying a wreath at the cenotaph as part of the Remembrance Day parade in Hull this year. Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals has been selected as part of the first wave of hospital trusts accredited as ‘Veteran Aware’ and I was very pleased to note that NHS England has confirmed that every part of the country now has dedicated mental health services up and running for veterans.

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