

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
13 OCTOBER 2015
EAST MIDLANDS CLINICAL SENATE AND STRATEGIC CLINICAL NETWORKS BRIEFING
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Committee will receive a briefing on the role and responsibilities of the East Midlands Clinical Senate and Strategic Clinical Networks, which form part of NHS England.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided in the presentation to explore the work of the East Midlands Clinical Senate and Strategic Clinical Networks.
- 2.2 Both the Clinical Senate and Clinical Networks have been discussed by other organisations previously presenting to the Committee, therefore a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities will help inform the future work programme of the Committee.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The East Midlands has one of 12 regional clinical senates and strategic clinical networks which have been established as a result of NHS reforms and serves a population of 4.5 million.
- 3.2 The East Midlands Clinical Senate is a source of independent, strategic, clinical advice to commissioners. The aim of the senate is to ensure that clinical leadership and advice are at the heart of clinical service change and improvement for the benefit of improved patient outcomes and population health. The East Midlands Clinical Senate provides independent and expert clinical advice on complex clinical issues, where a whole system strategic response is required, major change proposals and areas for service improvement.
- 3.3 The East Midlands Clinical Senate comprises of a Senate Council and Assembly. The council is a small multi professional steering group (including patients) who co-ordinate the senate's activity and provide strategic overview.

- 3.4 The assembly is a multi-professional forum providing the council with access to experts from a broad range of health and care professionals. The assembly also includes patient representatives and encompasses the birth to death spectrum.
- 3.5 The East Midlands Senate has undertaken a number of reviews ranging from individual service reviews to a whole system plan and members of the Clinical Senate Council have developed advisory reports on frail older people and physical activity.
- 3.6 The East Midlands Strategic Clinical Networks provide clinical leadership and support to support health systems to improve the health outcomes of their local communities by connecting commissioners, providers, professionals, patients and the public across a pathway of care to share best practice and innovation, measure and benchmark quality and outcomes and drive improvement.
- 3.7 They focus on four core disease and population groupings: cardiovascular (stroke, renal, diabetes, vascular and cardiology), cancer, maternity and children and mental health, dementia and neurological conditions. They also develop improvement programmes in response to local priorities, including respiratory and end of life.

4. List of attached information

- 4.1 Presentation to follow.

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 East Midlands Clinical Senate
East Midlands Strategic Clinical Network
<http://www.emsenatescn.nhs.uk/>

7. Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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