

Health & Wellbeing Board Update

November 2018

1. Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCGs Accountable Officer

Amanda Sullivan has been appointed as the single Accountable Officer for the six CCGs within the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS footprint, on an interim basis to 31st March 2020.

The Clinical Leads and Chairs of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG strongly welcome this appointment of a joint AO for the footprint as an important milestone on the journey to delivering a single strategic commissioner and as a critical enabler for integrated health and care across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

Amanda has a strong track record of delivery within Nottinghamshire along with her clinical experience as a nurse and midwife. Amanda is currently the Accountable Officer for Mansfield and Ashfield CCG and Newark and Sherwood CCG and brings considerable experience of working at a regional and national level including being a member of the Board of NHS Clinical Commissioners.

2. Winter Preparedness

Each year the system produces a Winter Plan which provides an overview of the key strands of our operations and provides the framework for partners to work together during the additional pressures of winter. The plan includes preventative measures including flu campaigns, joint working arrangements between health and care to prevent admissions and support discharges, ensuring operational readiness both in and out of hours.

The plan also includes communications to the public and the overall campaign message this year is Help us to Help You This Winter. The campaign includes adverts on buses to promote 111. There will also be promotional messages for GP extended hours and Pharmacy First. The Arrow will include messages around 111, GP extended hours, top tips to stay well during the winter including promoting flu jabs and psychological therapies. Promotional messages will also be disseminated through Lots for Tots, GP practice waiting rooms, social media and web-sites.

To support the winter plan and to help manage capacity, NUH are in the process of delivering transformational change across the emergency services by redesigning the A&E department and transforming the Front Door. This will allow changes to how patients are assessed and triaged. Clinical teams have been redesigning all clinical pathways for the new Urgent and Emergency Care Centre.



3. Changes in Prescribing

The Greater Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Partnership (GNCCP) has reluctantly made the decision to stop funding the prescribing of gluten free food for people living with coeliac disease and Dermatitis herpetiformis and to limit the prescribing of over the counter medicines for minor illnesses from November 2018.

In 2017/18 GNCCP started to review local policies on the prescribing of gluten free products and over the counter medicines for minor ailments. As part of this review, GNCCP sought the views of Greater Nottingham residents and health and social care professionals, and a six-week public consultation for gluten free food prescribing was launched in June 2018. That was followed by a four-week engagement exercise for prescribing medicines and products to treat short term, self-limiting conditions in Nottingham City in July 2018.

4. National Pioneering Site - Nottingham Scarred Liver Pathway

Nottingham are pleased to have been celebrated in a recent report on innovation in the NHS for its scarred liver pathway.

A press release from Health Secretary, Matt Hancock MP outlines - Some of England's most pioneering NHS organisations recognised for their work in adopting new technologies and models of care to improve outcomes for patients, are celebrated in a national report launched today.

Understanding how and why the NHS adopts innovation captures real-world insight and learning from NHS sites which have successfully implemented innovations ranging from digital to patient safety devices and models of care. The report, published by the NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA) in partnership with The Bayswater Institute, aims to inform understanding of adoption and the enabling factors which support the uptake and embedding of innovation in the NHS.

The adoption of new technologies and innovation in the NHS is a challenge. In developing understanding as to how and why NHS organisations take up an innovation, the NIA can support the NHS to realise the potential benefits of innovation more quickly. These benefits include: improved clinical outcomes, patient empowerment, reduced health inequalities, and savings to England's health and care system.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock said: "There are pioneers across the NHS working incredibly hard to implement new technologies to support staff, make every pound go further and improve outcomes for patients - and they should be applauded for their resilience, commitment and tenacity.

"As part of our long-term plan for the NHS, we want to build an ecosystem of enterprise and innovation to allow new projects to flourish and my tech vision is the first step to making this ambition a reality."