

## Chief Officer Update

### 1. South Nottinghamshire Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard

On Friday 24 July 2015 NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens and the NHS Five Year Forward View partners announced eight new vanguards that will launch the transformation of urgent and emergency care for more than nine million people. The urgent and emergency care vanguards are tasked with changing the way in which all organisations work together to provide care in a more joined up way for patients. Six vanguards will cover smaller local systems while two network vanguards will be working with larger populations to integrate care on a greater scale. ***Nottingham City CCG is delighted to report that the South Nottinghamshire System Resilience Group was one of the selected vanguard sites.***

The South Nottingham System Resilience Group (SRG) is made up of more than a dozen local partners. These include Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Clinical Commissioning Groups in the South of the County and Nottingham City, Nottingham City and County Councils, East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS ), Nottingham CityCare Partnership, County Health Partnership, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Derbyshire Health United Ltd (111 provider), NEMS (GP out of hours), Health Watch Nottingham and Health Watch Nottinghamshire.

The vanguard will support ambitious improvements in urgent and emergency care for the citizens of South Nottinghamshire. Partners will look at what more they can do, using innovative workforce solutions to ensure that people receive care in a timely way and closer to home – in many cases avoiding the need for assessment or admission to hospital.

Work will focus on:

- Enhancing mental health services in the community to give patients the care they need, in the best place in a timely manner. This will include rolling out and extending the National Mental Health 111 pilot to provide faster and better care when it is needed.
- Improving access, clinical assessment and treatment to primary care clinicians at the ‘front door’ of the emergency department so that patients are assessed and then followed up closer to home.
- Enabling more direct clinician to clinician conversations so that more patients are directed to the right service, first time, every time.

### 2. Transforming Care for People with Learning Disabilities – Next Steps

The cross-system Transforming Care Delivery Board has published a [progress report](#) on its joint work programme, set out in the [Next Steps report](#), to transform services for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. The programme is being delivered by NHS England, Local Government Association, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, Care

Quality Commission, Health Education England and the Department of Health, to change the commissioning and delivery of services, to enable more people with learning disabilities to live within their community and close to home.

The overall aim is to deliver:

- a substantial reduction in the number of people placed in inpatient (hospital) settings
- a better quality of care for people who are in inpatient and community settings
- a reduction in the length of stay for all people in inpatient settings
- a better quality of life for people who are in in-patient and community settings

This work includes the establishment of five Fast-Track areas, where Clinical Commissioning Groups and specialised commissioning, in collaboration with local authorities, will receive additional central support and a share of a £10 million transformation fund to accelerate service redesign, and help shape the national approach, which will be embedded in business planning for 2016/17.

Nottinghamshire is one of the fast-track areas. The Senior Responsible Officer for this work in Nottinghamshire is Sally Seeley (Director of Quality and delivery for Nottingham City CCG) who along with the other fast track areas is leading the development of joint transformation plans which should deliver a significant and permanent reduction in the number of people who are being cared for in hospital settings. As a fast-track site, Nottinghamshire will support the co-productions of the future model of care for people with learning disabilities that will describe what good services look like, with clear patient outcomes and standards.

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