

**NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group**  
**Chief Officer Update**

**1. NHS Planning Guidance 2016/17**

The NHS-wide planning guidance for 1016/17 was published on December 22 2016. The guidance to commissioners, NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts sets out the national priorities for 2016/17 and longer-term challenges for local systems, together with financial assumptions and business rules.

All NHS organisations in England will be required to develop two separate but interconnected plans detailing the strategies for their local health and care system and their own organisation. The stipulation is one of nine 'must-dos' for every local system in 2016/17; other 'must dos' include meeting current and new NHS Constitutional standards for access; planning for sustainable and high quality General Practice and returning the system back to financial balance through cost reduction, which includes efficiency programmes and reducing unwarranted variation.

As part of the planning process, NHS bodies will need to develop a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for their local health and care system, covering the period October 2016 to March 2021, and a plan by organisation for 2016/17. The organisational plan will need to reflect the emerging STP.

The geographical area covered by the STP is called the 'transformation footprint'. Local health and care systems are required to submit proposals for their transformation footprint and together they must cover the whole of England. It is expected that the footprints will be developed by looking at 'natural communities', existing working relationships, patient flows and the scale needed to deliver the services, transformation and public health programmes required, along with how it best fits with other footprints. Early discussions have taken place with respect to the footprint that Nottingham City will be part of with the current debate focusing on whether there should be a single plan for the whole of Nottinghamshire or two plans covering Mid-Notts and Greater Nottingham. In deciding the approach, health organisations are expected to liaise with Local Authorities. The initial deadline of January 29 2016 to submit a proposal for the footprint has not enabled this to take place in any detail and so any proposal will be subject to further discussions taking place.

**2. Lay Member (Patient and Public Engagement Lead)**

There has been an unexpected change to the CCG's Governing Body membership from this year. Maxine Davis, Lay Member for Patient and Public Engagement had had to terminate her role with the CCG because she has taken up employment in the NHS which means that she is no longer eligible to be a Lay Member for the CCG. Maxine took up her new role at the start of the New Year, therefore it is with regret that the CCG has had to lose Maxine's input at short notice. The CCG recognises that Maxine, who has been with the CCG from the outset, has made a real contribution as a Lay Member for public engagement and thanks are extended to Maxine for her positive input to the Governing Body.

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