

Chief Officer Update

1. Sustainable Transformation Plans

NHS England has announced the footprints for Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) along with the STP leaders. There are 44 STP areas across the country and NHS England has described the leaders as creating “broadly equal representation” from clinical commissioning groups and from hospitals and other providers of care, as well as some key figures from local authorities.

As indicated in the update to Health and Wellbeing Board members in January 2016, Nottingham City is part of the STP footprint which extends across Nottinghamshire (except for Bassetlaw) and covers a population of just over 1.1m. The leader of the Nottinghamshire footprint was announced as being David Pearson who is Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection for Nottinghamshire County Council.

Simon Stevens, chief executive of NHS England, has set out that STPs’ success

“...will largely depend on the extent to which local leaders and communities now come together to tackle deep-seated and long-standing challenges that require shared cross-organisational action.”

Stakeholders from across the health and social care community in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City met at a workshop on March 19th to begin to identify key priorities. The priorities, along with a proposed governance structure, have to be submitted by 15th April in advance of final submission of the plan by the end of June.

2. St Mary’s Medical Centre

A recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) found that the St Mary’s Medical Centre in Top Valley failed to meet expected standards. The practice has temporarily closed until further notice whilst necessary improvements are made. Patients registered with the practice are being advised to contact two other local surgeries if they need an appointment with a GP or practice nurse as the surgery cannot provide any appointments or prescriptions during the closure.

All patients registered with the practice have been sent a letter advising them of the temporary closure and signposting them to alternative practices. A recorded telephone message also provides this information should patients phone the practice, and there are notices displayed at the practice. Patients with queries or concerns can contact the Patient Experience Team at Nottingham City CCG by email (patientexperienceteam@nottinghamcity.nhs.uk) or by phone (0115 883 9570).

3. Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Care Quality Commission Rating

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust has been rated ‘Good’ overall by Care Quality Commission. The Trust was rated as outstanding in the well-led domain, and good in the caring, effective and responsive domains.

The Care Quality Commission's Chief Inspector of Hospitals, Professor Sir Mike Richards, said:

“Overall, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust provides good care to the population it serves. The Trust can be proud of the services that it manages and we were impressed by most areas we visited. We found staff to be dedicated, kind, caring and patient focused. Overwhelmingly staff were positive about working at the Trust and they talked about being proud of their workplace, the facilities they had and about the care they delivered.”

The Care Quality Commission found a strong safety culture across the Trust, including a good reporting culture for safety incidents and near misses. However, there were some concerns about some relatively localised staffing and specialist training issues which the Trust were aware of ahead of the inspection and will accelerate their action plans.

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