

## Chief Officer Update

### 1. New NHS Chief Executive

Simon Stevens came into post as Chief Executive of NHS England on 1 April 2013 following the retirement of Sir David Nicholson.

Mr Stevens joined the NHS Graduate Training Scheme in 1988 and has held a number of frontline NHS management roles, running hospitals, health authorities and community services. From 1997 to 2004 he was the Health Secretary's Policy Adviser at the Department of Health, and the Prime Minister's Health Adviser at 10 Downing Street. He is a trustee of the Nuffield Trust in London, and a director of the Commonwealth Fund of New York. He has also been a trustee of the King's Fund and chair of the World Economic Forum's Advisory Board on Sustainable Health Systems.

In his first speech as Chief Executive, Mr Stevens outlined some of the areas where he believes there is now a broad policy and political consensus for action, including raising standards of care for older people and better joint working between health and social care.

### 2. Quarter Three Assurance

The CCG held their quarter three assurance checkpoint meeting with the Area Team on 6 March 2014. The CCG was 'assured' against all six of the domain headings, and whilst Nottingham City CCG remained assured overall, the status for one assurance domain had been changed to 'assured with support'. This was in relation to domain one (*Are patients receiving clinically commissioned, high quality service?*) and is due to the following reasons:

- Consistent failure of delivery of a key target – 4 hour A&E standard
- Management of the urgent care system as a health community.

The Area Team had given its commitment to working with CCGs in the City and South Nottinghamshire to develop an overall package of mutually agreed support with the intention of ensuring the CCG has a successful quarter four assurance checkpoint outcome.

### 3. Challenge Fund awards

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have been given £5.25 million to improve access to care for more than a million patients in their area as part of the £50m Challenge Fund. The Prime Minister announced the Challenge Fund in October last year to improve access to primary care and practices were invited to submit 'expressions of interest' in December which were considered by Area Teams and a national assessment panel. Following more than 250 expressions of interest, 20 GP collaborations were announced as chosen pilot sites on 14 April 2014 and have been awarded investment of between £400k and £5m to run pilots for a year. Four pilot schemes have been approved across the Midlands and East of England region.

Surgeries across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire will trial a number of initiatives to make services more flexible and accessible under the banner *Transforming General Practice*. This will include offering extended hours and weekend opening, new ways to access consultations by phone, email and Skype, and using telecare to help people to better manage their conditions at home.

### 4. Engagement on proposal for new Urgent Care Centre

NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning group is encouraging patients, carers and the wider public to find out more about proposals for a new NHS Urgent Care Centre and have their say on where it should be located and the services it should offer.

Nottingham currently has two Walk-in Centres and a Nurse Access Point and the contracts for these services come to a natural end on 31 March next year (2015). Previous feedback from patients, doctors and health professionals led to the development of a proposal for a new Urgent Care Centre located in the City which could replace existing Walk-in facilities and provide an extended range of services. The proposal would see the pooling of existing resources to provide a new facility that could include diagnostics such as x-ray facilities. The proposal has so far seen support from the CCG's Clinical Council, the Nottinghamshire Clinical Senate and the Nottingham City Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

An event for clinicians to develop and comment on the proposals was held on 23 April 2014 and four drop-in engagement sessions for patients were held during April in St Ann's, Bulwell, Clifton and Hyson Green. A larger patient engagement event is being held 30 April 2014 from 6.00pm to 8.30pm at The Park Inn, Mansfield Road, Nottingham. Patients can also access the online survey *Developing an Urgent Care Centre* at [www.nottinghamcityvoices.org](http://www.nottinghamcityvoices.org).

#### **5. Duncan Selbie Visit to Nottingham**

The Chief Executive of Public Health England, Duncan Selbie, visited Public Health teams at Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils on 31 March 2013 to see how the joint Public Health system across the City and County has been integrated into the Local Authorities, discuss local priorities and see some of the innovative projects taking place to reduce health inequalities including the Change Makers programme of peer support. As well as meeting with the Public Health Senior Leadership Team he also talked to Local Authority Senior Elected Members, Chief Executives, CCG accountable officers and clinical leads about reliance on hospital based care being neither necessary nor sustainable and how effective joint working between local authorities and the NHS will be the only way to squeeze best value out of combined local authority and NHS spending power.

#### **6. South Nottinghamshire Transformation**

The 'unit of planning' for South Nottinghamshire (City, Rushcliffe, Nottingham West and Nottingham North and East CCGs) submitted its draft strategy to NHS England on 4 April 2014, focusing on how services could be transformed over the next five years to address an estimated health and social care funding gap of £150 million. Further financial modelling, development and engagement with citizens to inform the final version of the strategy will take place between now and submission in June. A Director of Transformation is currently being recruited to lead the programme with interviews taking place on 13 May. A Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) comprising patient and service-user representatives has been established to act as a 'critical friend' to the programme, advising on proposals for service redesign, plans for engaging with citizens and the development of external communications to support transformation.

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