

Chief Officer's Report

Report for May 2013 meeting

1. South London Commissioning Support Unit

We are in the process of finalising our Service Level Agreement (SLA) for South London Commissioning Support Unit (SLCSU) which will provide us specialist support to key areas including:

- ICT
- Financial control management and planning
- Human Resources (HR)
- Communications
- Governance

Once the outstanding issues are satisfactorily resolved I will be signing the SLA on behalf of the CCG.

It is recognised that further collaborative work is required to refine further the generic service specification and key performance indicators during 2013/14.

The SLA with the SLCSU will be for a maximum duration of 18 months (1st April 2013 – 30 September 2014) and will be monitored at monthly meetings led by Susanna Masters, Corporate Director.

2. Launch of South East London CCG's Community Based Care Transformation Board

Following collaborative work in 2012 across the local 6 CCGs, the Governing Body will remember they agreed the South East London CCG's Community Based Care Strategy in March 2013. Governance arrangements to lead and drive forward implementation of the strategy are now in place.

The first Transformation Board was held on 24th April 2013 to lead implementation over the next three years to improve access to primary and community services and ensure services are joined up. The Board brings together clinical and managerial leadership from the 6 CCGs, Local Authorities, commissioning partners from NHS England (London Office) and Health Education England (South London Team) supported by an experienced Programme Director working on behalf of the 6 CCGs. The Board is chaired by Dr Marc Rowland from Lewisham CCG as Clinical Lead for the programme supported by a Senior Responsible Officer (SRO), Annabel Burn, Chief Officer from Greenwich CCG. The major workstreams being taken forward by the programme are in primary and community services, integrated/joined up care and planned care. These are supported by a number

of enabling groups such as information systems and workforce development. Each workstream or group has a lead clinician and SRO drawn from each of the 6 CCGs.

Local stakeholders have recently been updated on progress with the programme. Marc and Annabel in this communication welcomed the first meeting of the Board and said they “very much look forward to working with stakeholders to achieve our vision for every patient to receive joined up healthcare that meets their needs in the most effective way”.

3. Lewisham Healthcare NHS Trust transition – Caroline Taylor as Trust Special Administrator

Congratulations to Caroline Taylor who has been appointed as the Trust Special Administrator for South London Healthcare Trust. Carline will be responsible for implementing the recommendations agreed by the Secretary of State. We look forward to working closely with Caroline and her team to support her work from a Lewisham commissioning perspective and alongside the CCGs’ delivery of the South East London Community based Care strategy.

The independent Chair of the TSA process has not yet been appointed.

For further detail please see <http://www.slh.nhs.uk/?section=news&article=196>

4. Risk Management

Work is continuing to create a new Risk Register and Board Assurance Framework based on the CCG’s new Corporate Objectives. The key risks to each of the Corporate Objectives have been identified and risk owners are now working with the risk management team to identify and strengthen controls, assurances and associated actions. The Risk Management Group reviewed the draft Risk Register and BAF on April 23rd and made recommendations for additional changes. It is proposed that the new Risk Register and BAF will be brought to the Governing Body Seminar on June 6th for discussion.

5. NHS Property Services Limited

This new company was launched on 1 April 2013 in order to maintain, manage and develop some 4,000 NHS facilities – from GP practices to community hospitals – across England. The role of this new company is a vital one in the day-to-day running of the NHS.

NHS Property Services Ltd was created as part of the NHS reforms, and has taken on 3,000 staff and 4,000 properties, estate and facilities from 160 predecessor organisations, such as Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts. Whilst NHS Property Services will be a limited company, it will remain wholly owned by the Secretary for State for Health.

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Simon Holden, Chief Executive of NHS Property Services has said “that there are huge benefits for the NHS in the launch of the new company, in particular:

- By bringing together 3,000 professional staff we can help improve the delivery of clinical services and help enhance the experience of NHS patients by providing safe, efficient and well maintained estate, buildings and facilities.
- We can focus on value for money – so rather than facilities and services being procured by 160 separate organisations, we can use our buying power to save money, such as on energy costs, equipment and supplies.
- What we save will benefit our customers, the new NHS Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups.
- We can focus on the strategic use of NHS estate and properties, releasing those that are not required or fit for purpose (so that money can be reinvested in frontline care) and modernising facilities and estate for the benefit of patient care.
- We can look for innovative ways to utilise green and energy saving technology, and we can better look for shared ways of enhancing NHS facilities and buildings in partnership with local communities”

As a company, they will work in partnership with Clinical Commissioning Groups on any proposals for changes to local facilities, engaging with key people in local communities, such as the public, MPs, Local Authorities and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Further details can be found at www.property.nhs.uk.

6. Assurance Meeting

The CCG recently met with the NHS England London Region assurance team, whose remit is to seek assurance that the CCG is achieving its quality outcomes and financial performance. This was the first meeting since the CCG was authorised without condition. The discussion acknowledged Lewisham’s sound financial performance for 2012/13, delivery of the 2012/13 QIPP plan and good progress on agreeing 2013/14 contracts. Management and recovery of Lewisham Healthcare NHS Trust’s performance against the A&E standard was explored and the CCG’s main planning assumptions and risks associated with the draft operating plan and QIPP plans for 2013/14 were discussed. A meeting to review the draft operating plan in more detail has been arranged for early May 2013.

For any further information on these items please contact lewccg.enquiry@nhs.net initially.

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