



## Briefing from Governing Body meeting 5 January 2016

This briefing is intended to give a summary of the key areas of discussion and decisions at the meeting of the Governing Body of Slough Clinical Commissioning Group and is intended for circulation. The minutes will provide the official record of the meeting.

### **Chief Officer Report:** Highlights for this month include:

- The plan for improving children and adolescent mental health services has been fully assured by NHS England and funding will be made available to implement it.
- Additional funding has also been received to improve access and waiting times for children's eating disorders services.
- Three further schemes were agreed as part of the plans for ensuring system resilience during winter. These were improving support for patients at high risk of unplanned admissions, provision of 'key safes' to ensure patients can be safely discharged home allowing carer access and additional patient transport vehicles to support discharges.
- Detailed planning guidance has now been received from NHS England but no confirmation yet on funding allocations for next year. This is expected soon.
- A newly established Equality and Diversity Steering Group has been set up to oversee delivery of recommendations following a review of Equality and Diversity objectives in the CCG.
- Strong performance at Wexham Park A&E has been evident so far this winter. Pressures on local health services continue to be present and the focus of winter plans are to ensure patients can move through from being admitted to being discharged from hospital.
- The success of Slough's Primary Care extended access and reducing non-elective admissions have been recognised in the local media.
- Slough has been selected for a national pilot for making clinical pharmacy available in GP practices.

### **Chairs Report:** Highlights for this month include:

- Noting the continued improvement in the quality of local services, building on what has been achieved at Wexham Park since the acquisition by Frimley Health.
- A key aim of the CCG is making sure that patients and carers are at the heart of our decision-making. We are determined to involve carers, the public, patients and partners in every project and strategy.
- John Lisle has been appointed to the post of Accountable Officer for the CCG and will be taking up the role in May. Paul Sly will continue in this role as an interim and will plan for a handover so there is a smooth transition.
- Building on the strong foundation of primary care and its sustainability will be a key feature in the strategic plan going forward.
- The CCG was recently recognised with the Clinical Chair attending a meeting with the prime minister to share the experience of delivering the prime ministers challenge fund locally.

### **Quality and non-financial performance**

#### **Highlights from the Quality and Performance Scorecard:**

- Wexham Park Hospital continues to demonstrate overall improvements in for quality and performance.
- One notable exception is in stroke services where performance at Wexham continues to cause concern. Progress has been made in developing a new model of care but this is not yet implemented. The CCG is working with the trust on the improvements needed.
- Quality and performance of the ambulance service remains of concern. The trust have been under pressure from recruitment issues. Thames Valley-wide contract. Meetings to identify what they need to do to improve performance.

#### **Quality Report highlights:**

- Assessments for looked after children are particularly important and the CCG is working with partners to improve the timeliness of assessments and have implemented an escalation process to identify when the CCG needs to intervene.
- Falls assessments should take place within 24 hours of admission. It has been noted that this is not always happening for older adults with mental health problems such as dementia where the risk is as great as for people with physical health problems.
- The availability of BCG vaccine has been affected by lack of supply which is a national issue. The vaccination is offered to new babies before leaving hospital. The CCG is working with the trust to secure sufficient supply and to catch up on vaccinating babies who were discharged home before receiving it. The approach being taken is to vaccinate the babies that have waited longest first. Compliance rates have continued to stay high.

### **Safeguarding Adults**

The Safeguarding Adults in Slough Annual Report has been published. The CCG is an active partner in this work which is currently working to change attitudes to safeguarding for adults so that it moves to a 'no tolerance approach' similar to that in children's safeguarding.

**Finance:** At month 8 the CCG is reporting a year to date surplus of £1.3m and a year-end surplus of £2m. A number of pressures continue to impact relating to the mental health placements budget, independent sector acute and the CCG's main acute provider and prescribing. Conversely, forecasts have reduced in the Individual Funding Requests, Free Nursing Care and Continuing Healthcare expenditure areas. NHS England are preparing to announce the funding allocations for the NHS for next year and beyond. More money is being made available nationally, recognising the extreme pressures being managed. Additional funding is being made available to specialist services and primary care. There is an expectation that CCG funding will also increase but we have not yet had confirmation of how much this will be for Slough CCG.

**Refreshing the 5 year strategy:** A shortened and refreshed strategy has been developed to help guide the production of the operational plans. It is proposed that the 'footprint' for the strategy is expanded to reflect Frimley Health Foundation Trust and so would mean one strategy shared and agreed with the East Berkshire CCGs, plus Chiltern CCG, Surrey Heath CCG and North East Hampshire CCG. The strategy includes the vision statement '*thinking locally, working together*' which is consistent with the approach the CCG has been taking. The vision can be represented with the patient in the centre surrounded by levels of care starting with self-care and moving out towards community, hospital and specialist care. The revised strategy reinforces the importance of patient and clinical engagement and identifies five themes:

1. Self management and prevention
2. Primary care
3. Person centred coordinated care
4. Elective care
5. Urgent care

**New Vision of Care:** A short film was shown at the meeting and will soon be available on the CCG website to illustrate the approach that has been taken for this project. What has felt different with this initiative is that we have genuinely engaged all the relevant organisations, clinicians and other professionals, patients and the public. We have a model of care that we can all agree will deliver the improvements in care that we all want to see. Some elements of the model are already being delivered through the Better Care Fund. Others will take some time as we work with partner organisations to change the way we work.

**Communications and Engagement:** Highlights for this month include:

- Recent meetings of the Community Partnership Forum have discussed child and adolescent mental health, Flu, Share Your Care and Care.data. The next meeting is at 6.30pm on 21 January at 4 Marlow Road in Maidenhead. All are welcome and details are available on the CCG website.
- The communications and engagement strategy is being reviewed and views are being sought.
- Winter campaign has been ongoing and a mail out to the public will be going out in January.
- Slough's 'Simple Words' project has been presented at a meeting of the National Association of Primary Care.

**All papers discussed at the meeting are available on the CCG website. Click [here](#) to read.**