



## Briefing from Governing Body meeting 4 October 2016

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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.

**Accountable Officer Report:** Highlights for this month include:

- The Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP) Reference Group Meetings are gathering momentum with NHS England and Specialist Commissioning attending meetings.
- The CCG submitted the required financial template for the STP to NHS England on the 16 September. The main STP will be submitted on the 21 October. The STP is in line with what everyone is aware of to date and the plan will be made public towards the end of the year.
- The CCG talked more about the next steps and what kind of commissioning structure would be needed in the future.
- The Operational Plan will need to be compatible with the STP as well as identifying local priorities.
- The Systems Resilience Group has been modified into the A & E Delivery Board.
- Performance has recovered after a weak August which was due to non-recurrent issues such as staff rota over the Bank Holiday and IT issues which slowed things down, however in September we achieved 97% and were top nationally for major acute services.

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

- Slough has had an improvement of approximately 5% in patient access across the country for patients being able to get appointments.
- Diabetes improvement has been noted and we have been asked to share this nationally at the HSJ summit meeting. The Right Care Process is used effectively to identify Diabetes and we are top of the CCGs in the country.
- Slough Practices voted against delegated commissioning with a narrow vote. The Chair will be revisiting this area and listen to any comments or concerns the practices and patients may have.
- We celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Slough Senior Citizens Group. The key themes were being active and reducing loneliness.
- The Wellbeing Board met on the 22 September and there are 4 priority areas that will be focussed on, Children's Safeguarding being the main priority, Mental Health, Housing, and Health Inequalities.
- Thanks to Nasreen Bhatti for all the key work that has been carried out in her time with us a Lay member.
- The 3 CCGs have together recruited a Medical Director – Dr Lalitha Iyer.

### Quality and Constitutional Standards at end of 2015/16

The report to Governing Body is based on end of year performance. Some highlights below:

- The ambulance performance is still not meeting targets, however this is a National issue and has been logged on the corporate risk register and we are working on an action plan with the provider.
- Slough CCG remains under achieving in dementia diagnosis, however the improvement plan is seeing a slight improvement with GPs actively working on how to recognise onset signs of dementia within routine appointments.
- The NHS England Assurance Framework has been published. There is a higher still birth rate in Slough. This could be because of the population demographics and seeking traditional advice. The CCG is working with Public Health and Acute colleagues to look at the population

factors and understand why this may be the case and to make sure we are communicating the appropriate messages within the community.

## Strategy

### Operating Plan – Commissioning plan / timetable

- The Commissioning Intentions forms part of the planning process, these plans are translated into contracts with providers between now and the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Practices and providers will respond accordingly.
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft for submission will be 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- There will a requirement for the Governing Body Members to sign this off virtually ahead of the next meeting.

### End of Life (EOL) - A presentation on the deep dive into EOL care and the highlights are

- Early identification of people approaching End of Life (EOL) – whatever the diagnosis may be.
- Advanced Care Plans (ACPs) – It is crucial to capture patient choice, including family & carers for example preferred place of death and any preferred treatments.
- ACPs created and updated **throughout** patient journey with professionals, patients and families.
- The target is to have 100% patients registered on the EOL register and offered an ACP.
- The percentage of deaths in hospital amongst Slough patients is significantly higher than any other area. We don't fully understand why this is and a deep dive report will be actioned to understand this in more detail.

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

- The Slough Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) held an Open Day on the 19 June.
- Almost 1000 questionnaires were completed with some of the following key themes being highlighted such as, not being able to get through on the telephone and with more than half the respondents unaware that PPGs existed.  
You can read the final report [here](#)
- The Asthma Bus visited 15 of the largest secondary schools in Slough where staff were able to give practical advice on asthma management.
- The AGM took place at the beginning of September, with a good turnout of attendees. After the formal part of the meeting, there was an opportunity to take part in table discussions and the topics covered were; Urgent Care, Planned Care, Integration, Children, Mental Health and Primary Care.

The presentations and copies of the annual report, the annual accounts and a summary version are available on the CCG website [here](#)

### Finance and performance

At month 5 the CCG is reporting on plan, with a year to date surplus of £785k and a year-end surplus of £1954k.

At month 5 there is a year to date overspend of £266k on planned and unscheduled care, this is mainly within Acute commissioning at the CCG's main providers. This is being partly mitigated by underspends with other acute providers but the majority of the overspend is being offset by reserves and release of 15/16 prior year accruals. The forecast is based on July's data, therefore this will be closely monitored on a monthly basis.

- The good news is that the CCG will meet the required surplus of £2.6million.
- In previous years, CCGs have had the 1% surplus released, but this is unlikely to be the case this year. There is approximately £1.7million locked by the national

treasury.

- The rates for funded nursing care have increased by £1.1million which is a recurrent cost, and an unplanned pressure on the CCG.
- Overall the budget is quite tight but things have stayed stable during the summer which is good. We are expecting good news around the quality premiums which will help offset some pressures.
- The three CCGs in east Berkshire are exploring options around risk sharing. This is covered in the agreed risk sharing agreement already signed off and has been supported in principle from Slough CCG in their October 2016 meeting.

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