



Friday 3 February, 2017

Hello my name is Rob, and welcome to the STP update for this week.

What's been happening this week?

During the planning round there was a statement to the fact that we would “return to the STPs in the New Year”. This has already been a reality with the submission of transformation bids and has been given a further boost this week with the **STP leaders meeting** which took place on Monday evening and Tuesday. This involved the 44 STP leads from across England coming together with NHS England CEO [Simon Stevens](#) and NHS Improvement CEO, [Jim Mackey](#), alongside [David Behan](#), CEO for Care Quality Commission and [Duncan Selbie](#), the Chief Executive of Public Health England. I was in the middle of a CQC inspection and a Board meeting so Helen Hirst represented us, showing the power of our distributed model.

As expected, there was a clear message that STPs are here to stay and the direction of travel is very much around the move from proposals to partnership, delivery and change at pace. To emphasise this, a much trailed “45th STP” covering England will be produced from the 44 plans. Over the coming weeks we will hear more about this [Five Year Forward View Delivery Plan](#), and how this will practically look in terms of what is expected from us. This will be published at the end of March and there is an expectation that each STP will produce an individual delivery plan, demonstrating how this will fit with the national vision. Collective leadership and consensus building, whilst feeling empowered to make change happen, are a big part of this. This puts an extra onus on us resolving issues about the governance, capacity and infrastructure of the STP – topics for next week's leadership group.

There was also talk about developing a more coherent national narrative to help the wider public conversation. This is something we have tried to do – including our special report on all of the engagement processes that informed the STP [INSERT LINK] and the role of the VCS and Healthwatch too. We have tried to keep the STP local, which can mean people are not sure when they are talking about the STP and when they are not! It was noticeable at the STP meeting that our STP has a large geographical ‘footprint’ compared to others and as such has a different set of challenges in terms of governance and infrastructure, and meeting the health and social care needs of everyone living here. As you'd expect there was a lot talk about resources, including access to the transformation funds and the necessity of bidding rounds. This is a process that we would all like to see simplified or abandoned. The likelihood of the latter is distant.

Away from the national scene, the West Yorkshire and Harrogate **urgent and emergency care** work is progressing well. As from 31 January call handlers at NHS111 are now able to book someone an appointment at specific GP practices taking part in a West Yorkshire and Harrogate pilot. This means that people requiring urgent care who could ideally be seen by their GP will be able to be seen that day with an appointment booked by NHS111. 28 GP practices across the area are taking part in the pilot and seven practices have now gone live, which means NHS111 are now able to offer appointments to patients. We are the first area in the country to go live with this service. Well done to all involved.

Following the meeting of the **West Yorkshire and Harrogate Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny** Committee last week, we have written to the Chairs of the six local committees to invite them to meet with the wider senior leadership team for the STP to discuss how we can work more closely together. Working with local Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSC) and JHOSC is an essential part of our STP. We may need your support with the meetings as and when we hear back.

Finally, a **huge well done to our partners @YorksAmbulance** for their rating of 'good' from the Care Quality Commission. Well-deserved for all who work at the sharp end and the leadership team too.

What's happening next week?

- It is the leadership day on Tuesday with a packed set of agendas on commissioning, stroke care, urgent care, the role of the VCS and capacity.
- NHS England Lay Members event on Tuesday.
- The Urgent Emergency Care meeting will take place on Wednesday.
- The NHS England Executive team is meeting in Yorkshire and Humber on 10 February. We have been asked to provide a briefing pack on our STP.