

Friday, 16 June 2017

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

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The NHS Confederation Conference can set the tone for the year in healthcare circles. This year's event took place this week and was the first outing for the Secretary of State, Jeremy Hunt, since the election. It was also an opportunity of Simon Stevens, Jim Mackay and Ian Cummings to set out their thoughts on priorities for the immediate future. There was a lot of consistency on show – which is good – both with the recent past and with each other.

You can watch all the speeches and access some of the material [here](#).

If you don't have time, I would say that the Secretary of State continued his usual themes:

- Financial discipline
- A&E performance
- Mental Health Transformation
- Safety

He also added another – 'supporting our staff'. This was a theme from all the speakers and from the audience poll, the most pressing issue we face. It was good to see recognition finally that the NHS is made of people and without them we are nothing.

Jim Mackay thanked providers for their continued discipline and delivery. Simon Stevens reminded us we have a plan and now we just have to 'get on and deliver it'. Next Steps on the 5YFV is the plan and we are getting on with it!

Simon also played up the role of General Practice in the future, with good links to new care models.

So, the tone was set for more of the same but with additional pressure from a number of people who spoke – including Stephen Dorrell – that the public sector pay cap needed to be dropped. We shall see what Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT) make of it and whether any money follows.

I enjoyed chairing a panel on public engagement and was able to describe the work we have done. You can read our engagement and consultation mapping document [here](#). It was a lively session that reminded us how far we have to travel if we are to have a better dialogue and understanding of STPs with the public.

The most poignant part of the event was the session where staff from London and Manchester were brought into the arena and thanked with a prolonged standing ovation.

Also this week, it has been **Carers Week** which is all about recognising the valuable role carers play in our communities, whether this is supporting a family member, friend or neighbour. There are approximately 260,000 carers living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate – that is one in ten of us having caring responsibilities and more than the NHS workforce.

Caring roles and experiences are all different, for example many people care for elderly parents, others for people with mental health illness, physical and learning disabilities. We also know the

number of young carers is increasing. Young adult carers are twice as likely to forego education, employment, or training (NEET). Many carers find it hard to hold down employment, with many of those unemployed saying they would like to work. Others are unaware of any benefits or help they are entitled to, feeling overwhelmed by the pressure to cope. This is one of the contributing factors which put carers at a huge disadvantage and their own health can suffer as a consequence.

Fatima Shah-Khan, one of our Joint Committee of the Clinical Commissioning Group lay members talks about her experience of caring in this week's Department of Health blog. You can read it [here](#)

We will be further developing our STP approach to consider how we can work together better to support carers of all ages, across the area and Fatima will be helping with this. This will involve looking more closely at the practical help available and the role of the VCS who often do a much better job of supporting carers on both a practical and emotional level in their local communities, than state services. It's also important that the approach we take includes developing ways to support the existing and future workforce who balance caring responsibilities -- not just in the public sector. Supporting carers (or being a carer) won't be new to many of you. However, I do feel it is important that we keep the momentum going and keep carers firmly in view.

What else has been happening this week?

The STP local place based planners met on Tuesday to discuss work in their areas, namely the health and wellbeing plan trackers, for example reducing childhood obesity, better self-care training, breast cancer screenings and diabetes etc.

There was also a discussion around a new programme of work, being led by Owen Williams, around the use of estates across the health care sector. An initial meeting will take place next week to discuss the scope of this work.

Rob O'Connell, Head of Integrated & Continuing Healthcare at NHS Bradford Districts CCG also came along to talk about the implementation of the Care Home Charter which builds on the work Ros Tolcher and Merran McRae began earlier this year. This is all about:

- Ensuring that people living in residential and nursing homes or supported living accommodation receive care of the highest quality, in the most appropriate setting; and
- Avoiding clinically inappropriate admissions to hospital and extended lengths of stay in hospital unless necessary.

The Charter is framed around CQC's five key questions (safe, caring, effective, responsive, well-led) and an additional area 'partnership'. Rob will be working two days a week on this. His work will include talking to independent care home providers across the area about the Charter and seeking their advice on how best we move forward.

The Programme Leads for the WY&H priorities met on Thursday. Leads were given an update on the work of the Joint Committee of the 11 Commissioning Groups from Stephen Gregg. Information about the committee can be found [here](#). The focus of the first meeting on the 4 July will include stroke. Other programmes will follow for example cancer and mental health.

Kathryn Hilliam gave an overview on primary care at the meeting, with a particular focus on the [GP Forward View](#), access and workforce. Carol Ferguson discussed the role of commissioning for cancer services and the team will be talking to Manchester who is currently looking at new ways of working to better support people living with and beyond cancer. Mental health was also on the agenda and Mark Vaughan gave an update on the work to reduce out of area placements, and rehabilitation into

the community. Colleagues are also looking at best practice nationally and how we can maximise funding opportunities, for example mental health liaison bids. There continues to be a huge challenge around the appropriateness of accident and emergency attendances – something we clearly want to address. Corrine Harvey (Public Health England) also updated on the work of prevention at scale and in particular alcohol, smoking and obesity. It's fair to say there is a lot going on across all of WY&H programmes.

Ian and Caroline Griffiths (WYAAT) will be attending a lunchtime session today with staff from Leeds Teaching Hospital as part of their regular drop in sessions, to find out more about the STP. The team are happy to attend other similar gatherings if useful.

Finally, the first draft submission of the WY&H Urgent and Emergency Care Milestones Tracker was submitted to NHS England last Friday. This will be discussed at the STP System Leadership Executive Group meeting next week where agreement will be sought to sign off the template on behalf of the STP, ready for the final submission to NHS E on the 23 June 2017.

Have a good weekend

What's happening next week?

- The STP Leaders/Senate Engagement Event will take place on Tuesday. The event is being organised by the Clinical Senate and is aimed at clinicians with a focus on sharing experience, ideas and learning new skills to deliver the ambition of service change and improvement articulated in the STP.
- The Urgent and Emergency Care Network will meet on Monday to discuss the Milestone Tracker.
- The System Leadership Executive Group will meet on Tuesday to discuss the finance strategy and also the Urgent and Emergency Care Delivery Plan.
- The Primary and Community Care Workstream will meet on Wednesday.
- STP finance leads will meet on Friday.

What's coming up?

NHS RightCare Webinar: STP Where to Look Packs? In December 2016, NHS RightCare published Intelligence data [Where to Look packs for all STP footprint areas](#). The information contained in these packs is personalised for each STP footprint area and can be used to support local discussions around prioritisation to improve the value and utilisation of resources. The packs contain powerful intelligence which STP footprints can use when looking at collective planning. This webinar will share and explain how the information is used for STP footprints to optimise their use in planning cycles. It will take place on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 12:00 pm. You can register [here](#)

For information

- CQC launched the second consultation on proposed changes to how they regulate health and social care services. You can share your views [here](#). The consultation closes on Tuesday 8 August 2017.
- New local government association report - Efficiency opportunities through health and social care integration Delivering more sustainable health and care. http://cdn.basw.co.uk/upload/basw_71544-10.pdf
- The 'Insight for Improvement' events are a joint initiative by NHS England and NHS Improvement, in partnership with the Patient Experience Network (PEN) who oversees the national awards. Presentations will focus on some of the winning and shortlisted projects from

the insight and feedback categories of this year's awards. The events will take place in late June and through July in Leeds, London, Birmingham and Cambridge. Full details and booking are on the [PEN website](#) Please forward these details on to anyone who you think may be interested in attending.

- Diabetes Week – 11th-17th June - @NHSEnglandNorth on Twitter will be sharing a lot of content this week for Diabetes Week. Please share when you can.
- [Kings Fund Event](#) - Difficult commissioning decisions and how to navigate changing and challenging times – 15 July in London.
- Professor Jane Dacre, President of the Royal College of Physicians, highlights the importance of clinical involvement to the success of STPs: [National Health Executive](#) .
- Independent think tank finds just seven health innovations could save the NHS £18.5 billion, and the social care sector £6.3 billion between 2015 – 2030. The report by the International Longevity Centre UK goes on to showcase seven global and UK-based innovations with evidence of success. These include an integrated dementia service in Staffordshire and Manchester Royal Infirmary's home dialysis programme. [ILC-UK](#)
- 26 June, Sheffield: Sheffield University is hosting a workshop examining the strengths and limitations of different models of integrated care. [University of Sheffield](#).
- Wednesday 28 June (3-4pm), webinar: NHS England's public participation team has organised a webinar in partnership with Healthwatch England. This will aim to build the case for resourcing public engagement, considering the role engagement plays in supporting complex change, the roles and skills needed to undertake engagement activities and the costs of getting engagement wrong. The webinar is now closed for registration however; you can register to be sent the recording and slides by emailing [Jonathan Leahy](#).
- 28-29 June, London: The annual Health+Care conference will this year include a 'Sustainability Through Transformation Hub' to build working relationships and solve common challenges together. [Health+Care](#)