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

**Our STP seeks to deliver the best possible outcomes for everyone, both young and old, in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.** Getting this right is essential if we are to meet our STP ambitions and most importantly the health and social care needs of the 2.6million people living here. You can read our WY&H STP [here](#).

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) in their recent [State of Child Health Report 2017](#) said ‘Investing in child health is a hallmark of a mature society committed to securing the wellbeing of future generations’.

Ill health in childhood can have a detrimental impact in adulthood, as can poverty and health inequalities, when combined these elements can have a disastrous impact on the person, society and the next generation.

We also know that vulnerable children in care are more likely to have mental health problems, and struggle to do well at school with more than half leaving school with no formal qualifications.

A key aim of our STP is to narrow these gaps so that every child has a positive start, is able to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

You don’t need to look far to see some excellent examples of work taking place across our STP area to counteract this, including [child friendly Leeds](#), which is all about putting children and young people at the heart of a strong economy, in a compassionate city.

Better Start Bradford aims at improving life chances for children through a comprehensive programme of interventions and activities which will improve outcomes. The STP will encourage the sharing of good practice across the region to further improve child health and support families.

Another example is ‘**Thriving Kirklees**’. This is made up of Locala Community Partnerships, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Northorpe Hall, Home-Start and Yorkshire Children’s Centre. The partnership was awarded a contract from Kirklees Council, working with NHS North Kirklees and NHS Greater Huddersfield clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), to deliver a healthy child programme offering support to children and young people from health improvement and prevention, to interventions for those who have existing or emerging mental health problems.

This partnership has responsibility for various areas of work for children and young people aged between 0 and 19 years (or up to 25 years for disabled children) and their families including, health visiting, school nursing, children’s weight management and support for those with learning disabilities. You can read more [here](#).

**What’s been happening this week?**

**Colleagues across the area and beyond have been working hard to recover NHS IT systems from the recent cyber-attacks.** NHS England is continuing to work with GP surgeries to ensure that they are putting in place a range of measures to protect themselves.

There are encouraging signs that the situation is improving, with fewer hospitals having to divert patients from their A&E units. The message to patients is clear: the NHS is open for business. Staff are working hard to ensure that the small number of organisations still affected return to normal shortly. Latest information can be found [here](#)

**The Executive Leadership Group met this week.** This group has representation from all our sectors including CCGs, hospitals, local authority and Healthwatch. This week they discussed the digital engagement strategy which is part of our overall communication and engagement work, the financial planning process, non-executive and lay member participation, the STP capital bids for £37.6m for cancer, urgent care and digital and a pending NHS England visit.

**I hear the communication and engagement network meeting went well this week,** with over 20 colleagues attending from various organisations across the area – a good turnout given the role of communications in the cyber-attack crisis. They met at Fieldhead, Wakefield and visited the mental health museum beforehand. The museum is run by South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. There is an interesting collection of mental health related objects that span the history of care from the early 19th century through to the present day. It's well worth a visit. You can find out more [here](#).

Ian updated the network on recent STP activity, including the [Next Steps on the Five Year Forward](#). The group also heard from Healthwatch on their recent engagement activity, including stroke. The next meeting will take place on the 7 September in Calderdale. Contact Karen if you want to know more.

**Hello** to Jenny Davies (Leeds North CCG) and Gareth Winter (Leeds South & East CCG) who will be providing dedicated finance support to the WY&H programmes as part of the on-going process of alignment. Jenny will be 2 days a week from next week. Gareth will be 5 days a week from 5 June.

**Hi** also to Jill Dufton, Calderdale CCG, who will be supporting Karen as engagement manager from the 1 June.

I know the team are really looking forward to welcoming new colleagues and most importantly this will be additional support for us all.

Have a good weekend

### **What's happening next week?**

- The Lay Member Reference Group will meet on Monday.
- There is a meeting of the Public Health Coordination Group led by Ian Cameron on Tuesday.
- On Wednesday, STP finance colleagues will meet.
- Ian will meet on Friday with Public Health England.

