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This week's message is sent from Ian Holmes, West Yorkshire and Harrogate Sustainability Transformation Partnership Director. You can find out more about our STP [here](#).

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Hello my name is Ian and welcome to the STP message for this week.

A recurring theme of our leadership day on Tuesday was how we tell the story of our work as well as we can. There was good recognition of the huge amount of work which has been taken forward through our programmes and across our footprint, but we still have work to do to ensure that the whole is as great as the sum of its parts. The System Leadership Executive agreed that we would develop a short clinical services narrative which draws together the work of each programme. This will support our capital bid in the autumn amongst other things.

On a similar vein, this week I have been working with colleagues to draft a WY&H version of the '[Next Steps](#)' publication. There is no national requirement to do so, we wanted to take the opportunity to update everyone on our work so far and importantly highlight what we will be doing over the next 12 months and beyond. It will be made public in the early autumn.

We have also been out and about talking to people about their personal experiences on camera. These important films will play a significant role in articulating our 'Next Steps'. In particular they focus on stroke, cancer, mental health and the critical role of carers. You can watch one of the films about Geoff's experience of stroke [here](#).

Some of our programme leads have also been filmed, explaining the work they do with partners whilst firmly keeping in view the role of communities and staff – all critical parts of our STP.

How the WY&H work demonstrates the relationship with the six local place based plans is extremely important and it's good to see how far we have already come in a relatively short time; we are making good progress on organisational development, working closely together across organisation boundaries to meet the ambitions of our STP and most importantly the needs of people living in WY&H. I'm under no illusion - we are at the start of a journey, there is much to do. It's reassuring to know that we are heading in the right direction. We'll share the publication with you as soon as it's complete.

Have a good weekend.

Ian

Weekly update

Clinical Forum

The Clinical Forum met on Tuesday. The forum includes consultants and doctors working across WY&H, including Executive Medical Director at Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Julian Marks.

In Dr Andy Withers absence, the meeting was chaired by Dr Bryan Gill, Medical Director of Bradford Teaching Hospitals.

The forum welcomed Jo Harding, Director of Nursing and Quality. Jo is based at Leeds West CCG and will be representing nursing at the forum for WY&H.

Dr Adam Sheppard gave an update on the delivery plan for the Urgent and Emergency Care Programme Board's seven work streams. This will come back to the Clinical Forum in the next two months for a wider discussion. The forum also discussed the importance of the work force strategy and how it connects to the six local area plans. Members highlighted our top priorities, for example the recruitment and retention of GPs, practice nurses, apprentices, training and the support of technology. Very topical given the recent announcement by the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, that the number of mental health professionals working in the NHS is to be increased.

The new national network for clinical leaders will meet for the first time in September. Andy Withers has been invited to join this network and members will also identify a WY&H nurse lead.

Matt Ward gave an overview on the STP progress dashboard. Forum members are keen to ensure any actions taken are around doing what is right for patients. This is a priority to us all. It's also very important to keep in view the role of GPs at a local place level and how people access services.

Thea Stein, Dr Andrew Sixsmith (a Leeds GP) and Kathryn Hilliam (NHS E) came along to talk about the work of primary and community care services. In particular they discussed workforce skills, the importance of organisational development, investment and working closer together.

Making every contact count, pharmacy first contact, social prescribing and health coaching are also critical to this work. Andrew also emphasised the importance of identifying community builders / connectors so that we can co-produce and co-design services together with communities and staff.

Joint Committee of the 11 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

The Joint Committee of the 11 CCGs met this week. The next meeting in public will be on the 5 September.

The Committee discussed the next 12 months work plan and how progress will be reported to local CCGs. The committee also talked about the potential to establish a process for managing the performance of the work plan. With this in mind it was agreed that performance colleagues would come together to map out the work of cancer as an initial focus point.

Phil Corrigan (Chief Officer for the three Leeds CCGs) gave an overview on the commissioning of complex neuro-rehabilitation for people across WY&H. Neurorehabilitation aims to aid recovery from a nervous system injury, such as support for people who have severe spinal injury or brain damage. There was a discussion around local support, better outcomes for people and the potential to share learning across the area.

There was also a good discussion about developing a peer framework with clinical input to further improve the way the Committee works together.

West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT)

Thea Stein and Andrew Sixsmith also gave a presentation on primary and community care to WYAAT colleagues on Tuesday. There was also an update on imaging across hospital departments, cancer and the 62 day standard. Estates, facilities and the work on vascular was also on the agenda. You can read more about the work of WYAAT [here](#)

Leadership meeting

The leadership team meeting on Tuesday brought together colleagues across our partner sectors to discuss financial planning. There was also a conversation on obtaining evidence from elsewhere on what is working well i.e. quality, efficiency and sustainability. A considerable amount of 'learning by doing' is already taking place both regionally and nationally, especially around new models of care. There was also a conversation around the work of [NICE](#) and [Public Health England](#), namely around the recent reports on preventing ill health, alcohol and obesity.

What's happening next week?

- In support of NHS England's [National Maternity Review](#), we have developed the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Local Maternity System Board. This is one of our WY&H priorities. The Board's vision for maternity services is to further improve safety for mum and baby, personalisation, choice and family friendly care. The Board meeting will take place on Tuesday.
- NHS, council and community organisations in Bradford District and Craven are working together to plan the future of health, care and support services. They are looking at how resources can be used better, reducing waste and at the same time improving the health and wellbeing of local people. Healthwatch Bradford and District have been asked to carry out this engagement on behalf of local health and care partners. You can complete the survey [here](#) Please contact Victoria at Healthwatch on 01535 665 258, or email victoria@healthwatchbradford.co.uk for more info.
- The STP Place Based Planners group will meet on Tuesday.
- The WY&H STP Programme Oversight Group will meet on Thursday.
- There is a meeting on Thursday with Manchester colleagues to discuss cancer commissioning.

For information

- Our twitter address is @wyhpartnership if you would like to follow us.