

## Government launches NHS listening exercise

The Government this week launched a 'listening exercise' to hear views on the changes to the NHS. An NHS Future Forum is being set up as part of this.

A leaflet 'Working together for a stronger NHS' has been published and can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/working-together-for-a-stronger-nhs-download-the-leaflet/>

## Public Health Update

Anita Marsland, transition managing director for Public Health England, wrote to all PCTs and local authorities on 17 March to confirm the latest position on the activities currently taking place nationally - and setting out the relevant timescales.

At a local level this:

- Confirms the central position of the Health & Well Being Board in tackling local priorities for health improvement, health inequalities and improving health and social care
- Outlines the need to work on the public health function of cluster organisations and GP consortia

Other key points include:

- Confirmation of the regional director of public health as being responsible for the public health transition in each region
- Formation of the national transition executive team - initial membership has been confirmed
- Development of the operating model for Public Health England (PHE) – including relationships with DH, local authorities and NHS structures between April and October 2011
- Appointments will be made to senior posts in PHE structure (April to October 2011)
- PHE will be fully operational by April 2012 with duties and responsibilities confirmed
- Further, more detailed guidance is being prepared following the end of the consultation period for the Public Health White Paper – which closed 31 March 2011.

### **EVENT CANCELLATION**

#### **Long Term Conditions with Sir John Oldham and NICE**

Unfortunately, due to low numbers of attendees, the Long Term Conditions with Sir John Oldham and NICE events, planned for 12 April at the Park Inn, York and The Source, Sheffield, have had to be cancelled.

Alternative arrangements are being considered for future events to maximise attendance.

## GP Pathfinders – Cohort 5

The deadline for applications for the fifth cohort of GP pathfinders is 27 April. PCTs with non-pathfinder GP practices/consortia in their local area were written to this week to inform them of this date and details of how to apply to be a pathfinder. For further information please contact your local PCT commissioning lead.

Cohort 4 saw three additional consortia in our region becoming GP pathfinders - this takes the total for the region to 20 pathfinders and 25 consortia covering 82% of the population.

## Transforming Community Services - Update

The 2010/11 Operating Framework required all community services provided by PCTs to be transferred from the PCT to an alternative provider by 1 April 2011. Across NHS Yorkshire and the Humber this milestone was achieved, with the exception of two areas where delays have occurred with the Monitor review of the transfer arrangements.

As part of these changes, four social enterprises have been established, with a further four to be established between April and September this year. Further details of all the new arrangements are available here:

<http://www.yorksandhumber.nhs.uk/document.php?o=6830>

- **Leadership challenge for TCS**

A highly successful leadership challenge for transforming community services was held in March; from almost 20 submissions from across Yorkshire and the Humber, 12 were successfully shortlisted for the challenge event. A group of primary and community staff in Sheffield were the clear winners on the day receiving a £50k award to progress their project. A number of other projects are also being supported through the coming year.

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## Future Foundation Trusts

All remaining NHS Trusts in the Yorkshire and Humber region should achieve Foundation Trust (FT) status by March 2014. Six NHS Trusts in the region are currently working on achieving FT status. These are:

- Bradford District Care Trust
- Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust
- Leeds Community Healthcare Trust
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust
- Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust
- Yorkshire Ambulance Services

At the end of March all of these trusts identified the date when they felt they would be ready to submit an application to the DH to become an FT. As part of this exercise they also identified the key risks and challenges to the trust in successfully achieving FT status. The outline of these plans will be shared more widely in the near future.

Scarborough and North East Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust are in discussions about entering into a partnership with York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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## Clusters and development of commissioning support arrangements

In line with national PCT cluster implementation guidance, clusters will be developing their plans for providing commissioning support to emerging consortia. In particular they will be:

- Setting up new commissioning support units (CSUs) which they will develop and host until the PCTs are abolished in 2013
- Exploring future models of provision, including working with the commercial sector
- Considering what types of commissioning support they might offer

To assist them in this work the DH is planning a business review process for clusters on CSU development – details are expected to be sent to cluster chief executives this week. The business review intends to be a developmental process and will be in two phases – a stock take from April to June and a business planning phase from September.

## Major trauma network

Major trauma is the main cause of death and disability in adults under the age of 40. Providers from across the region have now come together to develop services to improve outcomes for patients who have suffered a major trauma.

The development of a regional network for major trauma is expected to have a significant impact on lives saved. Where other countries have implemented such systems, deaths from trauma have been reduced by 20 per cent.

For Yorkshire and the Humber we believe that we can save in excess of 100 lives a year and bring about improved outcomes for patients through the creation of a regional trauma network.

We have established a clinical and managerial working group made up of over 100 representatives with subspecialty and organisational representation from across our region to assist in the development of a major trauma network for the region. Two clinical workshop events to plan the design of the trauma network have taken place in March with another event planned to take place later on in April.

A dedicated intranet page has been set up and contains the latest updates and feedback from each of the clinical workshop. It can be accessed by following the link below (please note access to the site is through a NHS networked computer):

[http://nww.yorksandhumber.nhs.uk/major\\_trauma\\_network/](http://nww.yorksandhumber.nhs.uk/major_trauma_network/)

For further details about this project, please contact Sajid Azeb, Clinical Strategy Lead at NHS Yorkshire and the Humber on [sajid.azeb@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk](mailto:sajid.azeb@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk) or on 0113 295 2129

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## Development support and opportunities

A range of development support and opportunities are available at regional, national and local levels for emerging consortia and pathfinders. You can download details of these in one easy to view document. The latest version is can be found using the following link:

<http://www.yorksandhumber.nhs.uk/document.php?o=6950>

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## Reward brilliant information technology in Yorkshire and the Humber

Innovative information technology - from telehealth to social networking - will be a vital element of the new-look NHS, and NHS teams from all over the country are being encouraged to enter an awards scheme that will highlight the best examples of IT improving healthcare.

The EHI Awards 2011, in association with BT, will reward healthcare teams involved in excellent and innovative technology projects.

The awards are free to enter and further information is available from [www.ehealthawards.com](http://www.ehealthawards.com)

**The closing date for the awards is 3 June**