

Regional Transition Roadshow

Sir David Nicholson, NHS Chief Executive, joined over 100 senior representatives from NHS organisations in the region as well as GPCCs, local government and voluntary organisations, at the Yorkshire and Humber regional transition roadshow which took place on 28 July in Wakefield.

The aim of the day was to:

- provide a platform to communicate and engage with audiences about the future of health services
- provide an opportunity for facilitated discussions around the NHS Outcomes Framework
- highlight existing areas of achievement and explore the potential for further development of services.

Delegates on the day heard case studies from Airedale NHS Foundation Trust and the regional stroke network, which showcased developments on using communications technology to deliver improved care to patients in the region.

Attendees also took part in workshops focused around the five domains of the NHS Outcomes Framework. These workshops looked at how the framework can be used to inform how the NHS Commissioning Board will work with clinical commissioning groups and how NHS and local authority organisations can develop shared outcome goals and supporting plans locally.

Appointments made to head SHA clusters

The chairs of the four new strategic health authority clusters have been announced by the Appointments Commission.

They are:

- **NHS North of England (comprising North West, North East and Yorkshire & Humber): Kathryn Riddle (current chair of NHS Yorkshire & Humber)**
- NHS London: Professor Mike Spyer (current interim chair of NHS London)
- NHS Midlands and East (West Midlands, East Midlands and East of England): Sarah Boulton (current chair of NHS East of England)
- NHS South of England (South West, South Central and South East Coast): Dr Geoff Harris (current chair of NHS South Central)

SHA clusters are expected to be in place by the beginning of October.

It was also announced that Sir Peter Carr, currently chair of NHS North East, will chair the steering group to establish the NHS Trust Development Authority (NTDA). The steering group will work with the new SHA clusters and the DH to create a single operating model to support NHS trusts achieving Foundation Trust status.

Further information can be found at: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/sha-clusters/>

Senior leaders meet to discuss public health reforms

Senior leaders involved in the new Public Health England and from the wider public health system met on Tuesday 26 July at an event hosted by the Department of Health to discuss the reforms.

A key outcome for the day was a better understanding of what Public Health England's vision, identity and values will be and how it will sit in the wider public health system.

People's views from the day about the reforms and vision for public health can be viewed at: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/videos-from-the-public-health-reform-event/>

Date for your diary: Long Term Conditions Regional Support Programme Planning Workshop

Thursday 1st September - 10.00am - 1.00pm, venue tbc.

Sir John Oldham invited delegates at the NAPC/ NHS Yorkshire and the Humber event to join him and the SHA in developing a regional support programme for the commissioning of quality services for long term conditions linked to greater involvement of people in planning their own care.

Aimed primarily at GPs who are able to influence changes in how services are commissioned and provided, it may also be of interest to PCT commissioner colleagues.

Invitations will be sent out shortly to CCGs. In the meantime, if you have any queries or want further information please contact: michelleplace@rocketmail.com/ 07796917888.

Local Healthwatch funding consultation launched

Consultation on allocation options for funding for Local Healthwatch: PCT Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

A consultation on the options for local Healthwatch funding allocations was launched by the Department of Health on 27 July. The consultation runs until 18 October 2011.

Further information can be found at: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_128429

Shared Operating Model for PCT Clusters published

The DH has published guidance for PCT clusters to help ensure they deliver their twin objectives of overseeing and accounting for delivery during transition and supporting the development of the new system has been published by the Department of Health.

Shared Operating Model for PCT Clusters aims to create a stronger management system for transition and more consistency in how the temporary clusters do business, paving the way for a single national approach from 2013.

It sets out where there are processes or functions that all PCT Clusters will need to perform and where it is important that there is consistency between them.

Full details can be found at:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_128735

NHS Commissioning Board's People Transition Policy

The NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB) has this week published its People Transition Policy (PTP) which sets out in detail the HR principles and procedures that will support a fair and transparent transfer, selection and appointments process to the NHS CB.

The PTP is aligned with the [HR Framework](#) and has been developed in partnership with employers and trades unions. The first phase of NHS CB appointments, which will take place throughout the summer and autumn, will focus on ensuring the senior team, establishment team, supporting posts and any priority functions are in place. The second, and more extensive phase of appointments, will take place in 2012.

Full details can be found at:

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_128699

Help reduce health inequalities of people with learning disabilities – pathfinders wanted

The Department of Health wants to hear from pathfinders with an interest in reducing health inequalities of people with learning disabilities to take part in a new project.

The project team will work with clinical commissioning groups and other stakeholders, including people with learning disabilities, to develop new products to support local commissioning. The outcomes will be shared amongst pathfinders and more widely across the system and will help to inform the NHS Commissioning Board on relevant aspects of its assurance role.

The DH are looking for pathfinders who have an interest in reducing health inequalities for people with learning disabilities, have a track record of delivering health checks for people with learning disabilities, have different registered populations (e.g. urban/rural) and have a significant ethnic minority population. However, if there are any enthusiastic pathfinders who did not meet all of these criteria the DH would still like to hear from them.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, please contact Rachel Richards, Pathfinder Programme Manager, Rachel.Richards@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Yorkshire and the Humber Annual Innovation Report

NHS Yorkshire and the Humber have published their second Annual Innovation Report.

The report highlights examples of the innovative work from the NHS in Yorkshire and the Humber over the last year. Within the context of the changing NHS landscape, the report sets out the SHA's intention to continue developing partnerships to promote innovation in the region, and to support the development of commissioning and provider organisations that encourage, recognise and reward the innovative work of their staff.

For more information please contact laura.hibbs@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk

The report can be downloaded from: <http://www.yorksandhumber.nhs.uk/document.php?o=7457>

NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes

The NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes have been created to recognise and reward ideas that tackle some of the most challenging areas of healthcare. As the NHS enters a period of substantial economic challenge, delivering more for less and achieving major clinical breakthroughs to transform patient outcomes has never been more important. Innovation is a powerful way of improving the quality of patient services.

The first round of the NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes was launched in December 2010. The Secretary of State recently awarded three of the most promising and interesting applications received and recommended by the expert panel. The prizes ranged from £35,000 to £100,000. The successful applications covered:

- Medicines – reducing waste, Increasing benefits;
- Increasing independence for those with kidney failure; and
- Earlier cancer diagnosis.

The next round of the Challenge Prizes is currently open to applications and will close on 14 August 2011.

If you would like to apply or require any further information, please visit <http://www.challengeprizes.institute.nhs.uk/>.