

Transition News – Working together with Local Government

“Transition News” aims to communicate with a wide range of stakeholders from across health and partner organisations to ensure they are informed about the transition facing the NHS and its implications for our partners arising from the Health and Social Care Bill. In particular, it aims to keep emerging clinical commissioning groups updated on national policy development, documents and events. As the weeks have progressed it has also included material about the public health and provider transitions.

From this week, the layout and scope of Transition News has changed – this is to reflect that the NHS and local government are working collaboratively on the transition, with the creation of Health and Wellbeing Boards and the responsibilities for public health that will transfer from 2013 being major issues for local authorities. With this in mind, we hope to include more information about the transition for local authority stakeholders, in addition to the NHS focussed articles.

As always, we value your suggestions about this newsletter. If you have any feedback, please email carolyn.ohare@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk

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Social Care Quality Standards

The Health and Social Care Bill sets out a new responsibility for the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) to develop quality standards for social care.

In preparation for this, NICE is working with the Social Care Institute for Excellence to develop a pilot programme for developing social care quality standards. The aim of the pilot is to test out draft methods and processes, explore the format and presentation of the quality standards in social care settings, and develop an approach to integrating related health and social care standards. The two topics to be considered are care of people with dementia, and health and wellbeing of looked-after children.

Further details are available at: www.nice.org.uk/socialcare

Better Health, Better Experience, Better Engagement

This draft document is a practical framework to help emerging clinical commissioning groups think through how they build engagement and insight into the care experience and into commissioning from the outset.

It provides practical advice, suggestions for action and signposts examples of good practice and evidence of what works. It brings together the learning and evidence of good engagement and experience from emerging clinical commissioning groups across the country. It is intended to help others build on their learning and existing evidence, so that time and effort is not wasted in reinventing the wheel.

If you have any comments on this document please contact Jonathan Leahy at the Department of Health at Jonathan.Leahy@dh.gsi.gov.uk by the end of September 2011.

All the comments received will be taken into consideration when producing a final version of the document, which we hope to publish in the autumn.

Download the document here (PDF): [Better health, better experience, better engagement – Aug 2011](#)

Public Health Update

Public health workstreams

Key aspects of the recently released national guidance on public health will be taken forward by public health workstreams which are already operational as part of the public health transition steering group.

The health protection, screening, finance and workforce workstreams are particularly well connected to national work and leaders from the Yorkshire and Humber directors of public health network have been directly involved in recent national work.

The workforce and human resources group will be producing a frequently asked questions bulletin to address the issues raised by the transition and explain the current position as far as possible – in advance of national guidance being issued.

Public health budgets

The DH has asked local areas to identify the public health budget in preparation for the shadow year. Directors of public health and directors of finance in PCTs have been asked to work with local government finance colleagues on this and the deadline for submission is mid September.

Transition peer support

A peer support and assurance process for local public health transition has been developed by the SHA in collaboration with directors of public health and the public health transition steering group. The regional directors of public health – supported by a director of public health peer – will be holding a series of discussions over the next couple of months with each local area on a common set of issues. The outputs – both risks areas and good practice – will be summarised in Transition News shortly.

Bassetlaw Commissioning Organisation shortlisted for NAPC Vision Awards

Bassetlaw Commissioning Organisation (BCO) have made it into the final three for the “Most Advanced Clinical Commissioning Group” in the National Association of Primary Care Vision awards.

Seen as the most coveted award, the winner will be a consortium that has effected real change among local GPs, seriously tackled the local NHS service provision and achieved solid results on a large scale.

Steve Kell, Chair of BCO, said: “This is really good news for the staff who have worked really hard during the transition.”

The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony on 1 November 2011 – part of the NAPC conference.

Further details about the awards and shortlisted finalists can be found at: <http://www.napcannual.co.uk/awards.html>

Live webchat with Dame Barbara Hakin

Dame Barbara Hakin, Managing Director of Commissioning Development at the Department of Health, will answer commissioning questions in a live webchat on Monday 5 September at 4.30pm.

Details of how to be involved are available at: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/webchat-dame-barbara-hakin/#comments>

Pathfinder Group Bulletin – August 2011

The August edition of the Department of Health’s Pathfinder Group Bulletin is now available from: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/pathfinder-bulletin-august11/>

This month’s edition includes an authorisation update and information about the NHS Commissioning Board’s People Transition Policy.

Events

JSNA - Developing approaches to address the older people's agenda. 11 October 2011, The Carriageworks, Leeds

A well-developed JSNA, with good information about the needs of the population, can provide a strong foundation for commissioning that improves health and wellbeing and reduces inequalities. It can make a real difference to the quality of life experienced by older people and their carers. However, assessing the needs of an ageing population has to become much more sophisticated than epidemiological graphs and prevalence maps. Attention needs to also focus on older people as assets to their communities, and any strategic assessment that is going to be able to drive commissioning needs to be informed by the voice of older people.

This **FREE** Local Government Group event is for councilors and local authority employees with leadership and decision-making responsibilities for this agenda. It will be of particular interest to those with responsibilities relating to:

- the health and wellbeing agenda, including the emerging Health and Wellbeing Boards
- social care and joint commissioning with health
- public health
- strategic housing and neighbourhood planning
- achieving equalities

Further details are available on the [LG Group website](#)

Working with local government - Understanding health reforms Local Government House, London

The Local Government Group are running a series of workshops which will provide a clear understanding of local government's role in health improvement and how local authorities interact with central government to enable better stakeholder engagement in the policy process.

The Health and Social Care bill is expected to lay the foundations for a radically different health service. Local government has a leading role in addressing health improvement and is today reasserting its role in improving the health of the public.

Aimed at senior and middle managers whose work brings them into contact with local government and their representative bodies and organisations looking to develop strengthened links and gain better working opportunities with local government, these workshops will provide an understanding of the workings of local authorities and how their interactions with central government play a major role in shaping policy and health improvement.

There are four workshops - [Monday 10 October](#), [Wednesday 12 October](#), [Monday 17 October](#), [Thursday 20 October](#)

To **book your place**, please visit www.local.gov.uk/events or click on the relevant date above.

Examples of good practice wanted

The NHS is looking to deliver annual efficiency savings of up to £20bn by 2014/15. As a National Adviser on QIPP, Mahmood Adil is looking to build a collaborative relationship between clinicians and finance managers to improve quality and efficiency.

If you have any ideas, suggestions and existing examples of good practice of clinical and finance engagement in the NHS, please send an email to mahmood.adil@dh.gsi.gov.uk. See the [DH modernisation website](#) for further information.