

Caring for our Future – Engagement Exercise

Monday 19 September will see the launch of the *Caring for Our Future* engagement exercise by the Department of Health. The exercise aims to pinpoint the priorities that the Government needs to focus on to inform its formal plans to improve the care system. This follows on from the report on Commission on Funding of Care and Support. It aims to use the report as the basis for engagement as a key part of a wider care and support reform agenda.

Over the next three months, the Department wants to hear the views of people who use care and support services – carers, local councils, care providers and the voluntary sector, about how to improve the care and support system and what the priorities for change are.

This engagement will help decide the next steps and inform the Government's White Paper, and progress report on funding reform, planned for spring 2012.

Further information about the engagement exercise can be found at: <http://caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk/>

£10 million given to improving dementia care

The Department of Health have this week announced that £10 million is being made available to transform the way in which people with dementia are treated by the NHS. The extra funding for memory services will help to identify people with dementia earlier and treat them more effectively.

Local authorities, Primary Care Trusts and CCGs will all be involved in deciding how and where the money is best spent in each community. This additional funding will provide a powerful incentive to local NHS and local authorities to prioritise putting in place long lasting, high quality dementia services.

Further information can be found at: <http://mediacentre.dh.gov.uk/2011/09/14/improving-dementia-care/>

Long Term Conditions Regional Support Programme Planning Workshop - Update

The workshop held on 1 September was attended by over 50 delegates from across all five clusters. Sir John Oldham presented the issues involved in achieving measurable quality improvements for patients and better efficiency from the systematic spread of a clear approach to delivery that is owned by people providing services to people with a long term condition. This approach is built on better profiling of patients at risk, having integrated care teams at local level and enabling people to manage how their care is delivered.

Building on the support expressed at the meeting, a proposal has been developed for a one year Yorkshire and the Humber LTC Commissioning Development Programme – this is based on the group work and discussions from the day. The proposed programme includes three regional accelerated implementation events and follow on action-focused workshops at both cluster and local level.

Further support will be provided in the form of coaching, facilitation, access to virtual and social networks/resources/exemplars and much more.

For further information please contact michelleplace@rocketmail.com or tel: 0779691788

Right Care Casebooks – Sharing Commissioning Experience

QIPP Right Care aims to enable sharing of good practice. Local examples of commissioning work which demonstrates the philosophy behind Right Care or showcases the tools available through the programme are now being compiled. These will be published through a series of “Casebooks”.

The first casebook is the result of collaboration with the Public Health Commissioning Network and is available to download from the website: http://www.rightcare.nhs.uk/downloads/Right_Care_Casebook_Vol_1_Sept_2011_final.pdf

Triple Aim Briefing Pack for CCGs

A briefing pack for clinical commissioning groups and other partners has been produced to facilitate the dissemination of the Triple Aim approach to the planning and provision of health care.

“Triple Aim” was developed by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in the United States and has been received positively by colleagues here in Yorkshire and the Humber. It is based on achieving progress on three critical objectives simultaneously, potentially leading to better models for providing healthcare:

- Improving the health of a defined population
- Enhancing the patient care experience (including quality, access and reliability)
- Reducing, or at least control, the per capita cost of care

The briefing pack includes:

- The [Triple Aim Phase VI Prospectus](#) including information for teams interested in participating in the initiative. (Please note: using today’s exchange rate, the cost of joining the program for a single team is £9,461.93, and the group rate (4 teams or more) is £8,069.11 per team.)
- [The Triple Aim, IHI Paper](#) (2009) which provides an overview of the Triple Aim Model and prototyping activities.
- A set of [slides from the session led by the NHS Bolton team](#) (Clinical, managerial and Public health leads) at this year’s International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare. The session focused on the why, how and impact of Triple Aim in Bolton.
- A set of [slides from a keynote session by Maureen Bisognano](#), President and Chief Executive of IHI, from this year’s International Forum. The session focuses on taking a strategic approach to improving the patient experience and health outcomes at the lowest cost per capita and describes the Triple Aim Model as an effective model of delivery.
- Free access to the 90/45 minute recorded sessions that accompanies the above slides is available via Alistair.Hastings@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk / 0113 305 9434.
- A copy of [Dr Ian Rutter’s presentation](#) - Ian is a Yorkshire GP who has been working with the DH and the IHI.

Further information on the model is also available from the [IHI website](#).

Free GP and Non Finance staff webinars

To support understanding of both the new and future NHS financial system, Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) are running two free webinars on the following subjects:

- Introduction to NHS Finance and Governance - **Tuesday 4th October, 12.30 – 13.30**
- Managing a Commissioning Budget - **Tuesday 10 January 2012 12.30 – 13.30**

Aimed at GPs, clinicians and other non-finance professionals from commissioning and provider organisations, the webinars are designed to provide a better understanding of NHS finance, governance and commissioning.

The first in this series of webinars, Introduction to NHS Finance and Governance presented by Cathy Kennedy (Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer, North East Lincolnshire Care Trust Plus) aims to provide a broad, high level overview of NHS funding, governance and accountability arrangements, both under the current regime and in the future.

Further information and registration details are available from the [HFMA website](#).

Spaces are limited.

DH publish 'Ready Reckoner' clinical commissioning groups running costs tool

The 'Ready Reckoner' is an interactive running costs tool for clinical commissioning groups (CCGs). The tool allows CCGs to consider the financial implications of different commissioning support arrangements and staffing structures, and allows them to work through the potential impact that their population coverage has on resources.

A prototype version of the ready reckoner has been shared with PCT Clusters but this should now be replaced with this finalised version which has had some further revisions made to it.

Cluster Directors of Commissioning Development have been asked to ensure that all CCGs have access to the ready reckoner to help support scenario planning locally.

Jackie Williams is the main SHA contact for the use of the tool and can be contacted at jackie.williams@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk and on 0113 295 3634

The ready reckoner can found here:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_129992

Health and Wellbeing Boards – Board Assurance

The Good Governance Institute has published an advice document as a prompt to work on local assurance of the new Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) arrangements.

The HWB Board Assurance Prompt (BAP) can be used to raise awareness around good practice in terms of developing HWBBs, and as board development materials for clinical commissioning groups and the emerging HWBBs themselves. Click on the link below to view the BAP:

<http://www.goodgovernance.org.uk/Downloads/2011%20Aug%20Health%20Well%20Being%20Board%20BAPMM.pdf>

Event: Working with local government in England: understanding health reforms.

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.