

Scrutiny Briefing Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(Adult Social Care)

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Subject: Report of Fiona Clark, Chief Officer

Organisation: NHS South Sefton CCG and NHS Southport and Formby CCG

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Purpose/Summary

To provide members of the committee with an update about the work of NHS South Sefton CCG and NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Recommendation(s)

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care) are requested to receive this report.



South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group
Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group

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If you would like more information about any of the items contained in this update, if you have any questions about local health services, or any particular issues you would like to raise, please call 0151 247 7051.

Changes for CCG governing body

NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is holding elections amongst its membership for GPs to join its governing body. GP representation on the governing body is subject to periodic election. Alongside this, there have been some other changes to the make up of the governing body. Dr Craig Gillespie is standing down as CCG chair but will continue as an active governing body member if he is successful in the elections. The role of chair will pass to Dr Andy Mimmagh, who has been Craig's deputy. Dr Clive Shaw will be retiring from the governing body at the end of March and he will be greatly missed by the group. Previously chair of the CCG, Clive has played an instrumental role in guiding the organisation through the process to become a statutory organisation and its progress so far. In addition to the elections, the CCG is recruiting two practice managers to represent the voices and ideas of wider surgery staff, as well as a lay representative for patient and public involvement to replace Canon Roger Driver, who is moving to a new parish in the south of England after nearly two decades in Bootle. NHS Southport and Formby CCG is also recruiting a lay representative for patient and public involvement, as with the retirement of Roger Pontefract. Both CCGs' lay representatives have held the posts since the CCGs were established in 2013 and their valued contribution will be greatly missed and the knowledge and understanding of the CCGs' local communities they have brought difficult to replace.

Residents asked for views about community services

Over the past couple of months, Sefton residents have been invited to give their views and experiences of community services, as each CCG reviews its current provision. People have been invited to take part in an online survey, whilst the CCGs' communications and engagement have been out and about across the borough in an attempt to ensure as many people as possible have the chance of giving their views. The survey can be accessed via each CCGs' website www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk or www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk

NHS events in support of World Cancer Day

NHS South Sefton CCG held a series of events to mark World Cancer Day at the recently opened Strand by Me shop in Bootle, offering advice and support to anyone whose life is affected by the disease. A week of activities was organised during early February, which included Macmillan Cancer Support, Cancer Research UK, Aintree University Hospital and Sefton Pensioners' Advocacy Centre (SPAC) offering advice to those living with and beyond cancer. A practice nurse from NHS South Sefton CCG was also on site to speak to people about cervical cancer and how important it is for women to have regular screenings, following on from Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (24-30 January 2016).

Medicines waste campaign gains national interest

The CCGs 'only order what you need' campaign has been in the spotlight after being featured by a national website. The medicines waste campaign encourages people to think before they pick up their repeat prescriptions. An estimated £2 million pounds is wasted on unused medicines in Sefton, which could have otherwise been spent on local healthcare. As part of the campaign, the medicines management team has been attending events, forums and meetings to raise awareness of the subject. Their work was featured on the Academy of Fab NHS stuff in February, which has led to even more interest in the campaign.

Governing Body meetings

March governing body meetings for each CCG offer Sefton residents the chance listen to committee members discussing and making decisions about the work of the local health commissioners. There is also the chance prior to the start of the formal meeting for members of the public to ask the governing body any questions they have. Meeting start at 1pm and anyone who would like to come along is asked to call 0151 247 7000 to confirm attendance.

- NHS Southport and Formby CCG - Wednesday 30 March, Family Life Centre, Ash St, Southport
- NHS South Sefton CCG - Thursday 31 March, 3rd floor boardroom, Merton House, Stanley Rd, Bootle