

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

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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.

Update for Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care) June 2017

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.

Sefton and Liverpool CCGs agree to pause merger

Clinical commissioning groups in Sefton and Liverpool are pausing their plan to merge the three organisations. NHS South Sefton CCG, NHS Southport and Formby CCG and NHS Liverpool CCG have made the decision so they can spend more time considering the implications of a merger for their patients, staff and partners. Governing body members agreed the pause at a joint meeting on 6 June 2017 and their decision will now be formally approved at their next governing body meetings. The three CCGs were required by NHS England to submit their formal merger application by July 2017, ahead of any agreed organisational change from April 2018. Governing body members have instead agreed to delay submitting their application and revisit their proposal in a year's time. Importantly, this step takes account of the increasing challenges and demands placed on the NHS as a whole and, in particular at this time, by the three local health commissioners. At the tri-governing body meeting, members agreed that the original July 2017 application deadline would divert the CCGs' efforts away from their priority work over the coming year – a crucial period for each CCG. So, this additional time created by a pause will allow the CCGs to concentrate their efforts in two areas. Firstly, in ensuring the CCGs continued focus is on improving financial and health service performance for the distinct populations they serve in line with their individual statutory duties, whilst secondly, developing a more considered and robust business case that clearly demonstrates the benefits of merging to their GP practice members, local residents and other key partners. Membership of the North Mersey Local Delivery System (LDS) means the CCGs will continue to work together on system wide programmes that benefit and affect the populations they serve. Good progress and pace has already been made, without the upheaval that organisational or structural change would bring to the CCGs at this present time.

Election results for Southport and Formby

Whilst the nation prepared to go to the polls to elect a government, GP practices were voting to secure two new governing body members for NHS Southport and Formby CCG. Results for the CCG elections were announced at the end of May, with no need for recounts. Dr Tim Quinlan from Chapel Lane Surgery in Formby and practice manager Colette Riley from The Hollies in Formby were duly elected after gaining the greatest share of votes from their colleagues. It is Tim's first term of office, whilst Colette joined the governing body in 2014 and the election result endorses the continuation of her role as one of two practice manager leads.

New providers in place for community services

These services commissioned by each Sefton CCG are now being run by new providers following separate processes to determine their management into the future. Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust took over the management of community services in Southport and Formby on 1 May 2017 following a re-procurement process. The new provider worked with Southport & Ormskirk Hospital Trust and the CCG to ensure the seamless transfer of these services. In a different transaction process led by NHS Improvement, MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust took over the running of community services in south Sefton on 1 June 2017 from Liverpool Community Health. In addition, a number of specialist children's community services are now being provided by Alder Hey.

Reported financial position 2016-2017

After a challenging financial year in 2016-2017, during which both CCGs made significant savings of around £13m across Sefton, the final reported financial positions were as follows:

- NHS South Sefton - £0.100m surplus - met statutory duty
- NHS Southport and Formby £6.695m deficit - failed to comply with legal directions

Both CCGs' accounts and annual reports have been audited and an unqualified opinion issued in terms of the financial statements and accounts. NHS South Sefton CCG also received an unqualified opinion for its value for money arrangements, whilst NHS Southport and Formby CCG was found to have delivered value for money, except for its financial performance and sustainability in 2016-2017. Both CCGs have set their savings targets for the current financial year towards them meeting their financial duties. Whilst both CCGs have agreed plans with NHS England to deliver in year break even positions, their plans also highlight risks that may affect their delivery. NHS Southport and Formby CCG is working to save £10.1m, whilst the target for NHS South Sefton CCG is £8.5m. It comes as the NHS faces ever tightening financial constraints through reductions in real terms budget allocations, whilst at the same time experiencing increasing demand for services from patients. The CCGs are working through their plans on how they will achieve these savings, which will see the CCGs considering some difficult choices over the coming months, and which will be shared with the public if they are to be progressed.

All practices now part of medicines management scheme

All GP practices in the borough will be part of the joint CCG repeat prescription ordering scheme by the end of July 2017. The scheme was initially introduced as a pilot in September 2016, when 19 practices volunteered to take part. It has proved successful in saving valuable NHS money by reducing the cost of wasted medicines, which totalled more than £220,000 in the scheme's first three months of operation. Additionally the scheme offers a number of important patient safety improvements. A further 17 practices have signed up to launch the scheme from the 11 July, achieving complete coverage of surgeries in the borough. More information can be found on the CCGs' websites, including links to their You Tube channels and short films explaining how the scheme works. Visit www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk and www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk

Community cardiology pilot

A new community based cardiology service aims to improve the quality of care Southport and Formby patients with heart conditions receive. The service launched in April 2017 and is being piloted for 12 months. It provides specialist triage for routine GP referrals, timely access to ECGs and echocardiograms without the need for patients to visit hospital. In addition, it strives to achieve better personalisation and coordination of people's ongoing care to support their recovery. The pilot is being run by local doctors, working together with consultants from Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital to ensure anyone who needs specialist care is identified early and referred on appropriately as soon as possible. There will be thorough, ongoing monitoring of the scheme throughout its term of operation to ensure patients are benefiting from improved care, provided much closer to home in line with our Shaping Sefton vision. The pilot is being run by Southport and Formby Health Limited, made up of 13 GP practices in the area. If it proves successful at the end of 12 month period, the CCG will consider a formal procurement process to put the service in place for a longer term of operation.

Commissioning policy review

Both Sefton CCGs have come together with some of their counterparts in the region to review a number of policies for Procedures of Lower Clinical Priority (PLCP). PLCPs form part of the CCGs' commissioning policies and they are routine procedures that have some medical benefit but only in very specific situations, or for a small group of people. Over 100 policies for PLCPs are being reviewed to ensure they reflect the latest clinical evidence, so the local NHS can be sure it is targeting its resources as effectively as possible on procedures that have the best outcomes. PLCPs are reviewed regularly to reflect the greater understanding of ongoing medical advancements. This latest review and any associated engagement or consultation with stakeholders and the public is being carried out in phases. The first phase of engagement will begin over the summer and is being carried out by Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) on behalf of the participating CCGs. It focuses on 18 out of 36 initial policies that have been updated in line with the latest medical evidence and that involve a degree of change for patients. Groups and individuals who may be particularly affected by the changes will be invited to give their views, in addition to the general public and other stakeholders. Full information about the process is available from each CCG website and members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be updated with more details as this work progresses.

Residents invited to Big Chat 8

Residents were invited to come along to NHS Southport and Formby CCG's latest Big Chat on 21 June. The event was held at Holy Trinity Church in Formby, and gave attendees a chance to hear an update about the CCG's latest work and to tell healthcare commissioners what they think of the plans. NHS South Sefton CCG is holding its Big Chat 8 event on Tuesday 11 July from 5.30pm-7.30pm at Bootle Cricket Club on Wadham Road. Anyone who would like to attend should call 0151 247 7000 to book their place. Details of previous Big Chats can be found on the CCGs' websites www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk and www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk

