

### Monthly update – June 2014

This is the first of our regular monthly updates, summarising key developments in the South west London Collaborative Commissioning programme.

- **The five-year strategy has now been approved** by all six CCG governing bodies at meetings held in public over the last few weeks. It was submitted to NHS England on 20 June. Discussions on how we implement the strategy are already underway between commissioners and providers and within the clinical design groups. The strategy is expected to be a standing item on local Health and Wellbeing Board agendas.
- Our latest [communications and engagement strategy](#) is now online. It is in some ways a continuation of our existing approach, as we await implementation plans - a new strategy will be developed as implementation options emerge. The communications and engagement strategy has been approved by the Strategic Commissioning Board and our Patient and Public Engagement Steering Group (PPESG).
- **Patient representation.** The Patient and Public Engagement Steering Group (PPESG) meets monthly and is chaired by Sally Brearley, who is the PPI lay rep on Sutton CCG. Vice Chairs are also CCG lay reps, Carol Varlaam (Wandsworth CCG) and Claire Gummett (Merton CCG). PPESG is made up of the 6 CCG PPI lay reps and representation from each Healthwatch body (6) and the voluntary sector in each borough (umbrella groups like CVS.)

The Strategic Commissioning Board (which also meets monthly) includes 2 lay reps – Sally Brearley (or a Vice Chair) and David Knowles (governance lay rep for Kingston CCG). All clinical design groups include patient reps. **Decision-making continues to rest with individual CCGs** and key decisions, such as support for the strategy, are made at meetings held in public.

- [An article in the Wimbledon Guardian](#) carried across the Local Guardian series, included a number of errors about the programme's finances, including the suggestion that Monitor and the Foundation Trust Network had declared SWL plans 'unachievable'. We have responded in a [letter to the editor](#), which is also now on our website and has been added in the comments section below the article. The paper refused to publish the letter correcting their mistakes in the printed edition.
- **Congratulations** to Dr Marilyn Plant, our Medical Director, and Dr Howard Freeman, Chair of Merton CCG and our Strategic Commissioning Board, both of whom were awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for their respective contributions to general practice and primary care. Well-deserved awards for years of hard work to improve patient care.
- **We now have 4,000+ followers on Twitter...**  
Our Twitter account passed 4,000 followers this week – please remember to follow @SWLCCGs if you are on Twitter.

## **Key meetings this month:**

### **CCG and Health and Wellbeing Board meetings**

All six CCG governing bodies met in public and discussed and approved the five-year strategy. The strategy was also discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Boards for both Merton and Wandsworth on 24 June.

### **Clinical Advisory Group (Tuesday 10 June)**

*The Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) is made up of the six CCG GP Chairs, provider trust medical and nursing directors, Local Medical Committee and London Ambulance Service representatives and the clinicians who chair our clinical design groups.*

The CAG received an updated presentation on the financial position in south west London and a general programme update. Clinicians broke into groups to discuss implementation challenges in each clinical area and will meet again next week to input further to the implementation process. Minutes will be published once ratified.

### **Patient and Public Engagement Steering Group (Tuesday 10 June)**

*PPESG is made up of the 6 CCG PPI lay reps and representation from each Healthwatch body (6) and the voluntary sector in each borough (umbrella groups like CVS.)*

The PPESG discussed the draft communications and engagement plan, HESL-funded training for patient representatives and the role and structure of patient representation on the clinical design groups.

### **Strategic Commissioning Board (Thursday 12 June)**

*The Strategic Commissioning Board (SCB) is made up of the six CCG GP Chairs, the CCG Chief Officers, NHS England, patient representatives, local authority representatives and the day-to-day programme leadership.*

The Strategic Commissioning Board received feedback from all six CCGs and approved the draft five-year strategy without further amendment. The SCB also discussed future governance structures for the programme and approved the communications and engagement plan for the next three months. Minutes will be published

### **Clinical Advisory Group (Tuesday 17 June)**

The CAG discussed implementation of the five year strategy and how providers and commissioners can work together to lead system change. Minutes will be published once ratified.

### **SWL Forum (Thursday 26 June)**

*The SWL Forum is made up a wide group of NHS and local authority stakeholders: the CCG Chairs and Chief Officers, provider trust chief executives, local authority representatives, patient representatives, NHS England, the Academic Health Science Centre Network, the Trust Development Authority and the London Ambulance Service*

The SWL Forum discussed the updated financial case for change. Breakout groups discussed the next steps and challenges as we move towards implementation.

**Key meetings in public coming up:**

**Monday 30 June**

Sutton Health and Wellbeing Board (19.00, Civic Offices, St Nicholas Way, Sutton)

**Tuesday 1 July**

Croydon CCG Governing Body (13.00, Maple Room, Fairfield Halls)

Kingston CCG Governing Body (13.00, Queen Anne Suite, Guildhall)

**Wednesday 9 July**

Wandsworth CCG Governing Body (10.00, Room 123, Wandsworth Town Hall)

**Tuesday 15 July**

Richmond CCG Governing Body (12.30, The Salon, York House, Twickenham)

Richmond Health Scrutiny Committee (The Salon, York House, Twickenham)

**Wednesday 16 July**

Croydon Health and Wellbeing Board (14.00, Conference Suite, Community Space, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk)

**Thursday 24 July**

Richmond Health and Wellbeing Board (19.00, The Salon, York House)

**Thursday 31 July**

Merton CCG Governing Body (9.00, Merton Civic Centre)