

Monthly Update – July 2014

- Our latest [FAQs about SWL Collaborative Commissioning](#) are available on the website and we will continue to add to it. A **generic slide pack** summarising the need for the local NHS to change and the five-year strategy has been developed and is available on our website.
- **Mike Bailey has decided not to continue as Medical Director** of the programme during the next phase. Mike has a long and distinguished history of involvement in NHS service change, and we shall miss his contribution enormously.

Dr Naz Jivani, GP Chair of Kingston CCG, paid tribute to Mr Bailey's contribution to the NHS in south west London.

“Over many years, Mike, a consultant urologist, has worked tirelessly to explain what the challenges are, why things need to change and how we can improve services for patients by doing things differently. His concern has always been that all patients are given access to the highest quality of care. He is very easy to work with and is respected by clinicians across south west London. We will miss his insight, experience and drive enormously. On behalf of the programme and the CCGs, I wish him the very best for the future.”

Graham Mackenzie, Chief Officer of Wandsworth CCG and Senior Responsible Officer for South West London Collaborative Commissioning, added:

“On behalf of the programme, I want to thank Mike Bailey for the energy, passion and dedication he has brought to the task of improving local health services. He has proved a wise and thoughtful advocate for change and his day to day involvement with the programme will be missed.”

- **Dr Marilyn Plant has written a [blog](#) for NHS Confederation on the challenges of transformational change in the NHS.** Dr Plant argues that while there is little disagreement about what needs to be done to care for our ageing population, we have not yet put the right elements in place to address the challenges we face. We need “a much better informed debate with the public about the current risks to the NHS and the trade-off that will need to be brokered between access and quality” and a moratorium on political point-scoring.
- A **public meeting on the future of health services** in Sutton took place on 17 July. The meeting was chaired by Sutton Healthwatch and Dr Brendan Hudson, Chair of Sutton CCG, was on the panel. The other panellists were Chrisha Alagaratnam, Interim Chief Executive of Epsom and St Helier, MPs Tom Brake and Paul Burstow and Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of Sutton Council.
- A [story in the Wandsworth Guardian](#) on 30 July wrongly attributed an estates consultation run by South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust to our programme. The online version of the article was corrected by the journalist, but the inaccuracy was repeated in the printed edition. We understand that a follow-up story next week will clarify the position.
- Minutes of the Strategic Commissioning Board meetings in [March](#) and [May](#) have now been approved and published.

- Our engagement report [*Listening and Learning*](#) which details the public and stakeholder engagement activity and feedback to date, including the stakeholder event and focus groups held in May, was published in June.

Key meetings this month:

Patient and Public Engagement Steering Group (Tuesday 1 July)

The main item of discussion at PPESG was patient representation on the clinical design groups. Recruitment of new patient reps to the CDGs will take place once future CDG structures and meetings are confirmed. THE PPESG also received an update from each borough represented and from the programme team and again emphasised the importance of getting accurate information about the programme into the public domain.