

Report To:	Governing Body 13 October 2016
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Title of Report:	Chief Officer Report
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Responsible Officer:	Matt Walsh, Chief Officer
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CCG Leads:	Matt Walsh, Chief Officer
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Executive Summary:	This report updates the Governing Body on current pertinent issues.
Finance/Resource Implications:	We will work at all times to ensure 'Best Value' in the commissioning and delivery of services.
Risk Assessment:	We will work at all times to minimise any risks inherent in the delivery of commissioning of healthcare.
Legal Implications:	We act at all times to be compliant with existing legislation.
Health Benefits:	We work at all times to ensure the delivery or commissioning of clinically effective healthcare for the people of Calderdale and to promote health improvements and minimise health inequalities.
Staffing/Workforce Implications:	We work in compliance with the NHS Human Resources Framework.
Outcome of Equality Impact Assessment:	n/a
Recommendations:	It is recommended that the Governing Body: Receives and notes this report

Consultation on Redundancy Payments

Earlier in the year the CCG responded to a Government consultation which proposed changes to redundancy payments across the Public Sector. The outcome of that consultation has recently been published, which will result in less favourable redundancy terms for NHS employees. We continue to work with NHS Employers and trade unions to understand and discuss specific further negotiations for the NHS and more detail about the impact on our staff.

Staff Health and Wellbeing

We continue to focus on the health, wellbeing and resilience of our staff, and we have begun to work with the Local Authority to share best practice in relation to the health and wellbeing of our workforce, with the intention that this will contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of the Calderdale area. We have also seen another positive set of results from our participation in the Global Corporate Challenge, which has resulted in quantifiable improvements in the physical activity levels and resilience of our staff. A further aspect of our health and wellbeing commitment is our winter flu campaign for staff, which is currently underway. Staff are able to get the vaccination in the workplace, or can claim back the cost, should they wish to have the vaccination elsewhere. To date, 42% of staff have accessed the vaccination or have booked onto a vaccination session, and we expect to see an increase in this figure over the coming weeks.

Art Therapy Service

Concerns have been raised at a previous Governing Body meeting about the future for the Art Therapy service provided by South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust (SWYPFT) and so I wanted to provide an update on what has happened since then. An independent review of Calderdale Art Therapy Services has been commissioned from Mental Health Strategies. This review will meet with relevant stakeholders including service users, in order to ensure that any information that has been shared from service users is considered. As part of this review, the CCG has contacted each individual for their consent. The CCG trusts that this will help to inform a robust review process on which the recommendations will be based.

Previously Unassessed Periods of Care (PUPOC)

A letter has been received from the Deputy Director of Nursing & Quality, NHS England North extending his thanks for the successful delivery of the PUPOC programme of work completed ahead of the deadline of 30th September 2016 and for the hard work and commitment of the Continuing Health Care team in delivering this very challenging programme of work.

The Learning Environment

This is a place for CCGs to collaborate, share their learning and offer mutual support. Update on NHS Operational Planning and Contracting Guidance for 2017/18 and 2018/19 NHS England has released an updated version of the NHS Operational Planning and Contracting Guidance for 2017/18 and 2018/19, which contains a revised timetable and minor corrections to wording as well as a standalone timetable and error table to explain the changes which have been made. The timetable contained an error in the date on row 16 and has been corrected in the timetable and guidance.

New guide to aid understanding of Patient Reported Outcome Measures

Commissioners are being asked to familiarise themselves with a range of insight tools including national surveys and feedback data using a series of short guides published by NHS England. The first guide focuses on Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs). Additional guides are planned, with upcoming topics including how to obtain meaningful feedback from patients with learning disabilities, how to conduct and use qualitative research and how to harness social media comment as insight. Queries can be directed to england.insight-queries@nhs.net.

Improvement and Assessment Framework: conflicts of interest indicator

As part of the CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework, CCGs are required to submit quarterly and annual self-certification returns to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the revised statutory guidance on managing conflicts of interest for CCGs.

Managing Conflicts of Interest: Internal Audit Framework for CCGs

The revised statutory guidance on managing conflicts of interest for CCGs requires CCGs to undertake an annual internal audit of conflicts of interest management. To support CCGs to undertake the audit, NHS England has published a template audit framework.

Additional funding for children and young people's mental health services

NHS England has written to CCG clinical leaders and accountable officers advising of an additional £25 million in funding for children and young people's (CYP) mental health services which has been made available for CCGs in 2016/17. This is in addition to funding already allocated to CCGs for CYP mental health services in 2016/17.

Dr Matt Walsh
Chief Officer