

## **GOVERNING BODY MEETING – TUESDAY 22 March 2016**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### **Joint Governing Bodies meeting**

It was a pleasure to welcome the Governing Body of Blackpool CCG to a joint meeting with our Governing Body on 9 February 2016. The meeting reviewed the national and local NHS contexts within which both CCGs are operating, reviewed some of the key challenges in the local health economy notably finance and performance and committed to working in a more collaborative way to address the NHS priorities in 2016/17 and beyond. As a first step on the road to greater collaboration, Andrew Harrison will take on the role of Chief Finance Officer for both CCGs in the next financial year whilst Gary Raphael, CFO Blackpool will provide financial leadership to the Healthier Lancashire project on a secondment basis. In addition, both Executive Teams at Blackpool and Fylde and Wyre are now meeting jointly each month to progress the issues which need to be addressed on a Fylde Coast basis, notably the Sustainability and Transformation Plan required as part of the NHS Planning Guidance for 2016/17.

#### **New Management Arrangements, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals**

Ian Johnson, Chairman, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals informed the CCG of the new management arrangements following the departure of the former Chief Executive, Gary Doherty to take up a new post in Wales. Wendy Swift, Deputy Chief Executive, took up the role of Interim Chief Executive with effect from 13 February 2013. Wendy has 19 years' experience at a senior level on the Fylde Coast including Chief Executive of the former Blackpool Primary Care Trust. Tim Bennet, Director of Finance and Performance was appointed Deputy Chief Executive and will provide valuable support to Wendy and the Executive Team. I have conveyed to the BTH Chairman our CCG's commitment to working with the 'new' team and to building on the already good working relationships.

#### **Five Year Forward View for Mental Health**

This Report from the Mental Health Taskforce was published in February 2016 and proposes a long term strategic approach to improving mental health outcomes across the NHS in England. The Taskforce brought together a range of experts from arm's length bodies, the voluntary sector, mental health providers, carers and experts by experience to create a strategic approach to improving mental health outcomes across the health and care system. It recommends eight principles to underpin reform including 'decisions must be locally led'; services must be designed in partnership with people who have mental health problems and with carers'; 'care must be integrated – spanning people's physical, mental and social needs'. The recommendations in the report will be tough to implement but are an important challenge to the whole system and one that CCGs will take seriously. The link to the report is below:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Mental-Health-Taskforce-FYFV-final.pdf>

## **Future in mind – Promoting, protecting and improving our children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing**

This Department of Health Report was published in March 2016 and is the work of the Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Taskforce established in 2014 to consider ways to make it easier for children, young people, parents and carers to access help and support when needed and to improve how children and young people’s mental health services are organised commissioned and provided. *“This report sets out a clear national ambition in the form of key proposals to transform the design and delivers of a local offer of services for children and young people with mental health needs. Many of these are cost-neutral, requiring a different way of doing business rather than further significant investment”* (Page 15). The CCG will be taking account of this report in its commissioning of children and young people’s mental health service through Blackburn with Darwen CCG, the lead commissioner for mental health services. The link to this report is below:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/414024/Children\\_Mental\\_Health.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/414024/Children_Mental_Health.pdf)

## **Lancashire County Council – Children’s Services**

The Ofsted inspection of the county council’s services for children, published in November, rated them as ‘inadequate’. A number of areas for improvement were identified and in February 2016, the Chief Executive of LCC informed us of progress with these improvements. The Lancashire Children’s Services Improvement Board has now been formed and met for the first time in January. The LCC cabinet has committed an extra £5m a year to underpin the Ofsted recommendations and LCC has reached agreement with Blackburn with Darwen Council to share a Director of Children’s Services to provide additional leadership capacity and oversee the significant transformation work required.

## **Health Education England commissioning and investment plan 2016/17**

HEE is responsible for ensuring that there is a sufficient future supply of staff to meet the workforce requirements of the English health system. This plan sets out its workforce commissions in 2016/17 including nurses and general practitioners. HEE’s forecasts of future supply show that *“we are training more people to enter the system than those leaving the system in every profession”* (Page 2) The plan also recognises that valuing and keeping existing staff is just as important as providing for future supply. The link to this plan is below:

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/HEE%20commissioning%20and%20investment%20plan.pdf>

## **Maximising the lay member role in CCGs**

This guide from NHS Clinical Commissioners published in January 2016 provides useful guidance to CCGs on how to utilise lay members effectively. The CCG will use the recommendations in conducting lay member appraisals in 2016 and in recruiting future lay members. The link to the guide is below:

<http://www.nhscc.org/latest-news/maximising-the-lay-member-role/>

## **Service of Celebration – Trinity Hospice**

The CCG has been invited to celebrate 30 years of Trinity Hospice to the community at a service of celebration at St John’s Church, Blackpool on Thursday 21 April at 7.00pm. It is hoped that a number of CCG representatives will attend to mark this important event.

### **Attendance at Events by Governing Body Lay Members**

Kevin Toole, Lay Member for Public and Patient Engagement, had productive meetings with the Communications and Engagement Leads at Wyre Council and at Blackburn with Darwen CCG. Kevin also attended the inaugural stakeholder meeting with Wyre and Fylde Together. This newly formed group is seeking to assist the Council for Voluntary Services in co-ordinating third sector voluntary groups across Fylde and Wyre.

Paul Olive, Lay Member for Governance, attended the Board meeting at Blackpool, Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on 27 January 2016 and was on the interview panel at the Trust for the new Audit Chair. Paul also attended an extremely informative event held by NHS England for Audit Committee Chairs.

Ian Stewart, Secondary Care Doctor, represented the CCG at the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals' Board meeting on 24 February 2016.

### **Recommendation**

The Governing Body is requested to note this Report.

**Mary Dowling**  
Chair