



In this edition of the Chair's Report, I discuss the Integration Transformation Fund and the need for the Health and Wellbeing Board to coordinate a local plan. The report also gives an update on CCG authorisation, the Berwick Review, the Healthy Child Programme, Healthy Schools London, and the recent measles outbreak.

I would welcome Board Members to comment on any item covered should they wish to do so.

CCG Authorisation

NHS England reviewed the progress made by Barking and Dagenham CCG in relation to the seven conditions that were applied at authorisation at their meeting on 16 July. They agreed that the seven conditions should be removed and Barking and Dagenham CCG is now authorised in full and without any conditions. NHS England will regularly review the progress of CCGs in relation to the discharge of conditions applied at authorisation.

I would like to congratulate the CCG on behalf of the Board on this excellent news!

Integration Transformation Fund

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board should be aware that the Government's most recent Spending Round announced a pooled budget of £3.8 billion for local health and care systems in 2015/16, which is being referred to as the "Integration Transformation Fund." It is a part of the government's wider agenda to integrate health and social care.

To secure funding for Barking and Dagenham, we need to agree and sign off a local plan ready to submit by March 2014, so planning needs to start as soon as possible.

The money in the Transformation Fund is not new; it has been pooled from several NHS and local authority funds. £1.9 billion will come from current CCG budgets, as a rough guide each CCG has been advised to consider how to free up around £10 million. The Spending Round also announced a further £200m transfer from the NHS to social care in 2014/15 in addition to the £900m already committed. £1 billion of the Fund will be related to performance.

CCGs will be using money from their normal allocation to create the fund so there will be no automatic transfer to boroughs, unlike the NHS annual transfers. No basis for determining the split of the funding has been agreed so far, although following the existing s256 splits may be a good starting point. Any local partners will be able to add funding to the pooled budget if they wish.

Access to the Fund will be dependent on the agreement of a local 2 year plan for 2014-16, which needs to be agreed by March 2014. The plans will need to make it clear how the Fund will help to make progress, and will need to be agreed between partners, and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board. There are also certain national conditions around integrated working that will need to be addressed in the plans. After the local sign off government ministers will have to see and sign off the plans. Although final details are still being decided we will want to start work as soon as possible to develop plans for this funding.

The Integration Transformation Fund is on the agenda for the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in November where we will be discussing it in more detail.

Berwick Review

Following the Francis Report, Don Berwick, an American expert in healthcare systems was asked by the Prime Minister to carry out a review into patient safety. His review was published on 6 August, and is likely to influence the government's response to Francis.

The review focussed on four main areas:

- Never allowing other priorities to overtake the priority of patient care;
- Empowering and listening to patients and carers;
- Complete transparency;
- Continuous staff development with the sharing of lessons across the system.

There are two major recommendations from the Berwick Review which the Board should be aware of:

- The Berwick Review advises against a statutory duty of candour on the basis that bringing in legislation is likely to make the system less not more transparent. This reflects the Review's theme that while professional neglect must be taken seriously, mistakes do happen and there should not be a fear of reporting them.
- The Review recommends a new criminal offence of 'wilful neglect' to tackle rare cases where a medical professional knowingly and seriously neglects a patient.

We will continue to monitor the government's response to the Berwick Review and bring any further information back to future meetings.

Transition of the commissioning of the 0-5 yrs Healthy Child Programme to the Council

In April 2015, the Healthy Child Programme will be transferred from the NHS Commissioning Board to the council.

NHS England and London boroughs have agreed the set up of a Health Visitor Transformation Board to oversee current management and future transfer of Health Visitor contracts. NHS England have begun benchmarking current services by borough in preparation for the Transformation Board.

John Atherton will be presenting a paper on the transition process at the Board meeting in November.

Healthy Schools London

The Healthy Schools London programme was mentioned in the Chair's Report in June. The optional programme encourages schools to promote healthy lifestyles, and awards them with bronze, silver, or gold awards. It is anticipated that schools in the borough will be able to achieve a bronze award relatively quickly and then be in a position to progress to silver and gold.

Two members of this Health and Wellbeing Board are now directly involved in the scheme: Helen Jenner is part of the Evaluation Group, and Matthew Cole part of the Implementation Group. For more information, please contact Helen Jenner on Helen.Jenner@lbbd.gov.uk or 020 8227 5800.

Measles Update

The measles outbreak continues to be focussed in the Orthodox Jewish community in north east London, particularly Hackney and Haringey. There was a small outbreak of seven cases linked to a primary school in Newham during June and July, but to date there have been no known cases of measles in Barking and Dagenham this year.