

Briefing from the Board meeting held on 31 January 2019

This briefing is intended to give a summary of the key areas of discussion and decisions at the meeting of the Board of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) and is intended for circulation. The minutes will provide the official record of the meeting. The agenda and all papers related to the agenda are available on the [OCCG website](#).

Chief Executive's Report: Highlights include:

- A meeting took place with all local MPs to brief them on current issues.
- The CQC follow up report has been published and presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The report recognises the significant improvements made and the work still to do.
- The NHS Long Term Plan has been published and OCCG is working with partners on what the plan will mean for people of Oxfordshire, building on progress already made together.
- The partnership approach to system resilience is expected to demonstrate a positive impact compared to previous years. Although the A&E four hour target has not been met performance has been better than last year, other improvements have been seen and a full evaluation will be organised.

Locality Clinical Director Reports: The Locality Clinical Directors' reports give an outline of activities in each of the six localities.

- The Winter Director has visited each Locality to share the winter plan and hear from local GPs about ideas and concerns they may have.
- A wide range of issues and topics have been discussed in locality meetings including musculoskeletal services (MSK), social prescribing, community nursing, primary care networks, frailty pathway of care and engagement with local communities
- Data has been gathered from Oxford city GP practices to illustrate the significant and growing activity levels in primary care. Data is now being gathered across the county and will be shared.

Operational Plan Refresh: The Operational Plan for 2019/20 is being drafted using the national guidance and financial allocations. There is a growth in allocation of £43.5m (5.6% uplift). This is unlikely to meet the demand and aspirations. OCCG is one of the lowest funded CCGs in the country and the CCG will remain 4% below target based on the needs of the population. Several pressures were noted including activity growth estimates are in excess of the increase in funding, Continuing Health Care has doubled in two years and the trend is likely to continue and Oxfordshire benchmarks lower than average for mental health funding and there is a desire to address this in the coming year.

EU Exit Operational Readiness: The Department of Health and Social Care wrote to all providers and commissioners of health and care services in England sharing EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance. This guidance sets out the local actions to be taken to prepare for EU exit without a ratified deal. This will ensure organisations prepare for and can manage the risks in such a scenario. The guidance highlights seven areas to focus on:

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| • supply of medicines and vaccines | • reciprocal healthcare |
| • supply of medical devices and clinical consumables | • research and clinical trials |
| • supply of non-clinical consumables, goods and services | • data sharing, processing and access |
| | • workforce |

A high level overview of the actions within each of these sections is included in the report.

Finance report Month 9: Currently on target to break even at the end of the financial year and are taking actions to manage the financial risks identified earlier in the year. These actions have ensured certainty for the end of year position.

Integrated Performance Report: The Integrated Performance Report is designed to give the Board assurance about the processes and controls and contains analysis of how OCCG and associated organisations are performing. Highlights include:

- The winter initiatives have been targeted at improving patient flow to reduce delayed transfers of care and improve discharge and community support.
- Improvements have been seen in performance against the cancer standards.
- The number of home care hours continues to be restricted owing to availability of staff. Current level of pay is the third highest in the country and different ideas are being explored to address the issue.
- A report and presentation was provided to assure the Board on children and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS). The presentation slides will be published.

Thames Valley and Surrey Local Health and Care Records Programme: A draft Thames Valley and Surrey, Local Health and Care Record Exemplar (TVS LHCRE) Partnership Agreement defines the commitments and obligations in respect of the Programme between the partner health systems (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West, Frimley, Milton Keynes, and Surrey). The paper includes a schedule of projected costs and expected benefits. Four recommendations were made. Recommendations 1 and 2 were agreed on condition that recommendations 3 and 4 were addressed.

1. That the CCG enters into the Agreement on behalf of the Oxfordshire system on the basis that the costs quoted represent maximum values
2. That the costs of the Agreement are the first call on CCG growth funding in any one year and therefore this value is recognised as not being available for local contract settlements.
3. That LHCRE Programme reviews the costs the draft costs with the aim of reducing them.
4. That the Programme puts in a place rigorous arrangements for benefits management that link to local systems to track and deliver the identified cash releasing benefits.

Annual Equality Publication: As a public sector body, OCCG is required to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty. The Equality Reference Group meets regularly to review progress against objectives. This report provides an overview of how we have met our equality duties and objectives and demonstrates our commitment to promoting equality and reducing health inequalities. The report also sets out the way in which OCCG fulfils its responsibilities arising from the Equality Act 2010.

Other Reports: The Corporate Governance Report, Strategic Risk Register, minutes of the Finance Committee, CCG Executive Committee, and the Quality Committee. The full papers and reports for all [Board papers](#) and this [summary briefing](#) are published on the OCCG website.