

## Briefing from the Board meeting held on 28 March 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:

- Attended various meetings and was part of a panel to discuss transformation and sustainability of local health services at a meeting organised by Oxford's National Institute for Health Research CLAHRC
- The first Horton stakeholder event for the Horton Obstetric work was held on 22 February attended by stakeholders from north Oxfordshire, south Warwickshire and south Northamptonshire. Information was shared on the clinical model for maternity services, planned housing growth, travel, access and finance
- There was a walk around the Horton General Hospital with the local MP Victoria Prentis, Bruno Holthof the chief executive of Oxford University Hospitals Trust, and representatives of Keep the Horton General group. This event was to celebrate the opening of a new X-ray suite demonstrating the on-going commitment to investing in the future of the hospital
- The Winter Team reported to the A&E Delivery Board on its reflections over winter - some key successes included an improvement around a multi-disciplinary way of working, with a 9% increase in acute discharges compared to the previous winter.

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

- A wide range of issues and topics have been discussed in locality meetings including primary care networks, musculoskeletal services (MSK), protocols for test results and managing correspondence in practices
- A celebration event was held in February to review the progress of the Bicester Healthy New Town programme which is supported by the North East locality. There continues to be excellent backing for initiative, and the event helped generate further ideas and suggestions to keep the programme moving forward.

### **Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire:**

The strategy '**Living Longer, Living Better**' was created with the help of local people and organisations in 2018 and focuses on four key themes: being physically and emotionally healthy; being part of a strong and dynamic community; housing, homes and the environment; access to information and care. The draft strategy was presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board last November and went out to wider public consultation between December and February 2019. Going forward, Oxfordshire County Council, Age UK and OCCG will lead on the implementation of the final strategy.

**Operational Plan:** A draft of the 2019/20 plan was presented to Board which provides a summary of the work which will be carried out during the year in line with national guidance. The plan is subject to further revision and will include the outcome of current contract negotiations with providers, agreements on Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) programme, and feedback from the OCCG draft submission of March 2018. Work

on the plan has involved local NHS and social care partners to reflect joint initiatives for 2019/20 with activity designed to mirror the NHS Long Term plan. It will also feed into the local Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire sustainability and transformation plan (BOB STP). Financial risks around the plan include increased spend on continuing health care and prescribing while the OUH contract for this period is still being negotiated around a fixed price contract. The final operational plan will be submitted by OCCG on 4 April.

**Finance report Month 11:** Currently on target to break even at the end of the financial year.

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

- Reduction in the numbers of individual waiting over 52 weeks for treatment
- Five reported cancer targets were missed in January 2019; the CCG continues to work with OUH on improving performance
- Growing financial pressures on continuing health care
- Reduction in the numbers of delayed transfers of care

#### **Safeguarding Children new statutory arrangements:**

Oxfordshire has retained the current partnership model around safeguarding children as part of new statutory guidance. As part of this OCCG becomes a statutory partner with joint accountability and responsibility alongside Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley police for safeguarding children. In addition, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire will be combining areas for the child death review process which will also include the introduction of key workers who'll provide bereavement support to families.

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