

London Clinical Senate Council

Tuesday 12th March 2019

Notes

Present**Mike Gill**, Senate Council Chair, Medical Director, Health 1000: The Wellness Practice (MG)**Geoff Bellingan**, Medical Director, Surgery and Cancer Board, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (GB)**Vin Diwakar**, Regional Medical Director, NHS England London Region (VD)**Tim Edwards**, Consultant Paramedic, London Ambulance Service NHS Trust (TE)**Sally Kirkpatrick**, Chair, Patient and Public Voice Group (SK)**Mark Spencer**, Medical Director Northwest London Clinical Commissioning Groups, Principal, Carnall Farrar (MS) (via conference call)**Julia Whiteman**, Postgraduate Dean, North West London, Health Education England (JW)**In attendance****Katie Humphreys**, Clinical Senate Senior Project Manager, NHS England London Region (KH)**Edward Ward**, Clinical Senate Programme Lead, NHS England London Region (EW)**Apologies****Ian Abbs**, Medical Director, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (IA)**Caroline Alexander**, Chief Nursing Officer, Barts Health NHS Trust (CA)**Somen Banerjee**, Director of Public Health, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and the London Association of Directors' of Public Health representative (SB)**Naureen Bhatti**, Partner and Trainer, Tower Hamlets, and Head of School for General Practice, Health Education England, North Central and East London (NB)**Aileen Buckton**, Executive Director for Community Services, London Borough of Lewisham (AB)**Charlie Davie**, Managing Director, UCL Partners Academic Health Science Network (CD)**Sam Everington**, Chair, London Clinical Commissioning Council (SE)**Elizabeth Hughes**, Director of Education and Quality (London and South East), Health Education England (LH)**Ann Jacklin**, UCL Centre for Medicines Safety & Service Quality and ICL Centre for Infection Prevention & Management (AJ)**Diane Jones**, Director of Director of Quality & Safety, NHS Brent, Harrow & Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Groups (DJ)**Peter Littlejohns**, Deputy Director, South London CLAHRC (PL)**Wendy Matthews**, Deputy Director of Nursing, Barking, Havering & Redbridge Hospitals NHS Trust (WM)**Andy Mattin**, Director of Operations & Nursing, Central & North West London NHS Foundation Trust (AM)**Jonathan Ramsay**, Consultant Urologist, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (JR)**Oliver Shanley OBE**, Regional Chief Nurse, NHS England and NHS Improvement London Region (OS)**Sylvia Tang**, Chief Executive Officer, Priory Healthcare, Partnerships in Care and Amore Care (ST)**Inder Singh Uppal MBE**, Vice Chair, Patient and Public Voice Group (IU)**1. Chair's introduction and opening remarks**

MG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Agreement of the notes of the January 2019 Council meeting

The notes were agreed as an accurate representation of what was discussed.

4. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

a. Senate Council member recruitment

EW explained that the applicants for the Council have now been shortlisted to 20 potential candidates. These candidates will be interviewed in a group format using a mock clinical review. 10 will be interviewed on 4th April and the other 10 on 11th April. Following this the successful applicants will be chosen and inducted into the Council and they should be present at the May Council meeting.

EW explained that there have been no applicants with a pharmacy background and so he will talk to Richard Goodman, the London Regional Chief Pharmacist, about how to target this group.

Action: EW to speak to Richard Goodman and try to recruit a pharmacist to the Council.

b. Stocktake implementation

MG explained that we are waiting for the new Council members to start before commencing the stocktake implementation. Once the new members join the Council, those who will work on implementing the stocktake recommendations will be identified and the task and finish groups set-up.

5. The London Clinical Senate and the Long-Term Plan

EW explained that the Senate will have to ensure that all its advice is in-line with the long-term plan. MG commented that the recently written report for the Epsom and St Helier review references the document and advises that the IHT team look 10 years ahead, not just 5 as they had done.

SK commented that it seems odd that the long-term plan has chunked learning disabilities and autism together and MG advises that it is common to do this.

JW suggested that the plan should have a separate chapter on staffing and workforce and that a nuanced approach to staffing and workforce does not come across. MG agreed and commented that more detail on how the workforce will be developed would be good. JW explained that HEE are advocating that there are key sets of skills needed for certain specialties, but not necessarily in all the workforce; for example consultant healthcare scientists need a balance of medical and scientific skill sets and highly specialised pharmacists and healthcare scientists have a very specific skill set that often doctors do not.

SK questioned why much of the emphasis in the document is on keeping people out of A&E when many people struggle to get an appointment with their GP and so are driven to A&E.

MG said that whilst the document states plans are to re-invest cash into frontline care, he feels that more benefit would be gained from investing this in public health.

VD explained that a letter from Dido Harding and Julian Hartley about the interim workforce implementation plan has been published and that that this should be shared with the Council.

Action: EW to circulate letter from Dido Harding and Julian Hartley to all Council members.

6. London Clinical Priorities

VD explained that there are 4 key clinical priorities for London: children's mental health and wellbeing, mental health and access to crisis support, frailty and end of life care, and respiratory.

7. The Senate Forum

a. February: 'What Does London Need to do to Prevent People in Mental Health Crisis Attending Emergency Departments?'

KH explained that the February Forum went well. There was a good attendance and the speakers were well-received. The patient and carer speakers were particularly thought-provoking and feedback about these was very positive. The table discussions generated a lot of ideas and debate and many valuable thoughts were recorded.

The presentations from the event have been uploaded onto the Senate website and the mental health clinical network are writing the report, which should be finished soon.

MG said that there is a play available from Radio 4 about the lack of parity of esteem that is worthwhile listening to.

b. May: Health and Care Best Value

KH explained that the planning for the May Forum will start soon and the planning group will be set-up. The date is now confirmed as 30th May and the King's Fund has been booked with the larger room that we normally use.

VD said that he would like to be on the planning group.

c. Proposals for a subject for the October Forum

KH said that one of the Clinical Senate Fellows had been in contact to request that a Forum be held on the topic of reducing length of stay. VD suggested that this topic should be avoided for a Forum as it is already being well-covered by the national team. MG agreed with this.

MG suggested that the October Forum should cover quality improvement in a healthcare system. All agreed that this would be a good topic.

8. Current requests for advice

a. Advice on the Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030 Pre-Consultation Business Case, for Surrey Downs, Sutton and Merton CCGs

EW explained that the review day held at the end of January went well and the report has now been written. The report has been shared with the review panel and with the commissioners to check for factual accuracy. The final version of the report should be available by the end of March.

b. Advice on the proposals for reconfiguration of paediatric congenital heart disease services at the Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust

EW explained that the timeframe for when this advice is required is unclear and he has received conflicting information from different members of the commissioning team. He said he will arrange a meeting with Hazel Fisher and identify when the advice is requested by.

9. New requests for advice

a. Request for advice regarding the reconfiguration of orthopaedic services in South East London

EW explained that the request for advice has been received.

MG said that the request is not suitable and unless they are going to further consultation they should not be requesting advice. MG said that he will review the request again and will talk with the commissioners to clarify whether Senate advice is needed.

GB said that if a Senate review takes place he would be happy to help with this (if in a couple of months' time).

It was noted that table of reviews that should have been sent with the agenda had not been so EW will share this with all.

Action: EW to circulate table of reviews.

10. Likely requests for advice

a. Request for advice regarding the reconfiguration of orthopaedic services in North Central London STP

EW explained that a draft request for advice has been received and MG will send comments back to the commissioners. A finalised request for advice should be received by the end of March. It is likely that the review will be held in July.

b. Request for advice regarding NE London neuro-oncology

EW explained that there is no planned date for this advice but that that it is on the horizon.

c. Request for advice regarding the Erith UCC

EW explained that the Senate's advice is no longer going to be required as they are not going out to consultation.

11. Project Work

a. PHE London conference on tobacco control – Tuesday 19th March 2019

MG explained that he is now going to be speaking at the PHE London conference on tobacco control in the place of VD. He will be talking about the helping smokers quit work that the Senate completed.

12. Information sharing and any other business

MG explained that the national meeting of Clinical Senate's is going to take place on 14th May but that he cannot attend. MS confirmed that he will be able to attend in MG's place.

KH said that the dates for Council meetings for May 2019-March 2020 will shortly be confirmed and calendar invites will be sent to all when they are finalised.

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 21st May 2019, 17.00-19.00

Skipton House, 80 London Road, London, SE1 6LH