

## Our Healthier South East London Partnership Update Autumn 2018 Edition

Our updates provide an overview of the work of Our Healthier South East London, the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership for south east London, over the past couple of months. They are designed for sharing with boards, governing bodies and other key partners and stakeholders.

### At a glance...

- Vicky Scott will be joining us as Chief Operating Officer on Monday 24 September. Vicky is currently working for North East London STP in a similar role and also has experience working with the new models of care team, NHS Information and in local government.
- We are working with trusts and CCGs to develop a network for delivering pathology services. The trusts and CCGs have published a tender notice for the provision of pathology services for south east London on the Official Journal of the European Union website. The new model will improve the quality and responsiveness of tests, and provide better value for money by making the most of economies of scale. The final contract is due to be awarded in September 2019 and the network will be put in place from 1 September 2020.
- As testament to the collaborative work we have done with our pharmacy and medicines programme, we have been chosen to represent the London region for an [NHS England/NHS Improvement joint programme](#). The aim is to integrate pharmacy and medicines optimisation into STPs and Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). Seven NHS regional pilots will act as case studies; highlighting barriers, enablers and sharing best practice in terms of medicines and pharmacy leadership.

### Meetings

We have revised the way we organise some of our meetings to improve how we manage the programme. From September 2018 the Strategic Planning Group will become the OHSEL Board. This will be our key decision making group for the programme and include representatives from across our partner organisations. There will be a discussion about the new approach at the first OHSEL Board meeting on 10 September 2018. Further information about this can be found under the meetings section of the website.

Details of the Strategic Planning Group meeting held on 3 July are available on our [website](#).



## Update from programme groups

### Urgent and Emergency Care

We are putting plans in place for the winter season, which is consistently a challenging time for urgent and emergency care services. We are building on lessons learnt from last year, based on a workshop held in the summer which brought together commissioners, patient representatives, providers and local authorities. A mock exercise in September will test out the new winter plans, which include starting flu vaccinations earlier and looking at ways to encourage people to take preventative measures to help them stay well.

The contract for a new integrated urgent care service for south east London has been awarded to the London Ambulance Service. The service will start at the end of October 2018 and will incorporate the existing NHS 111 service, as well as help from GPs, nurses, paramedics and pharmacists, 24 hours a day. Where necessary, the new service will also be able to book patient appointments, both in GP access hubs and out of hours services.

### Cancer

A pilot project to increase take up of bowel cancer screening among people with learning disabilities has started in Lewisham. Aimed at people who are less likely to access the service than the general population, the project is targeting people aged 53 to 74, offering them support before their first invitation for screening. The pilot scheme will be extended to the remaining five boroughs.

The Rapid Access Diagnostic Clinic, based at Guy's Hospital, which now offers services across south east London, has begun to work more closely with mental health services. The service assesses patients' psychological wellbeing and offers talking therapies when required. The clinic is planning to extend its service by opening fortnightly clinics in Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup in September 2018.

### Community Based Care

Working with health and care leaders, we have secured £2 million to support larger scale GP collaboration. We will focus on developing infrastructure, improving delivery of neighbourhood teams and supporting partnerships.

We have held the first in a series of workshops that brings together senior clinical and non-clinical leaders of our large-scale general practices to share best practice and explore opportunities for wider collaboration. This could range from saving money by bulk purchasing office and medical equipment to developing new roles that meet the changing health and care needs of patients.



## Digital

We have appointed the supplier Exponential-e to install a new data network, the Health and Social Care Network, at providers', primary care and CCGs' offices to improve our ability to access and share information. The switch over is likely to take place next spring.

## Estates

Working with provider and commissioner colleagues, we have submitted a revised estates strategy and seven bids for Wave 4 capital funding. The proposed projects are to build or refurbish medical buildings, set up a storage and distribution centre for pharmaceutical supplies, and initiatives to make the best use of existing space. The bids are being considered by NHS England with the outcome expected in November.

## Mental Health

More women across the south east will be able to get perinatal mental health support following a successful bid by Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust. Specialist community teams already operating in Bromley will expand to Bexley and Greenwich to support women during pregnancy and the year after birth. They will work closely with GPs, maternity, children and family services to offer the right care and mental health support at an early stage. The scheme builds on services offered by South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust in Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark. Perinatal mental illness affects up to 20% of women.

## Planned Care: Orthopaedics

Findings from a focus group in Orpington Hospital, as well as other feedback and data, are informing the orthopaedic clinical network, which is working to ensure consistent, high quality standards in planned surgery across the area. The network has now agreed an ideal pathway for delivering hip and knee replacements. It aims to adopt this across all our hospitals to ensure patients have access to excellent service where ever they are treated.

There are still places for people who have had hip or knee replacements and are interested in shaping services in the future. If you know of any interested patients, please contact us at [ourhealthiersel@nhs.net](mailto:ourhealthiersel@nhs.net)

## Workforce

We will be advancing training and development for a number of different roles after securing a £500,000 bid to Health Education England. The fund will enable further development for physicians associates, non-clinical staff, particularly practice managers, and nurses in emergency care and general practice. There will also be



an initiative to improve mental health awareness in primary care staff so that they can recognise and manage signs of distress in staff and patients.

