



## ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER'S UPDATE

### January 2020

I would like to start my first update for 2020 by wishing you all a very happy new year. 2020 is shaping up to be another busy and challenging year with the potential for legislative changes within the NHS. In many ways, however, it is business as usual for the CCG. Any changes do not detract from what we are here to do, which is to commission the best possible services for our patients. This remains our focus whatever comes our way.

We are continuing to align our strategies with the NHS Long Term Plan, in terms of the role of the Primary Care Networks, the integration of providers following the successful example of the Jean Bishop Integrated Care Centre and in addressing the wider determinants of health working alongside our local authority.

I have just completed my first three months as Accountable Officer for three CCGs, with the reality of dividing my time to support three senior leadership teams. As we announced last week - to ensure we have the necessary level of operational and strategic leadership in Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire CCGs, we are now recruiting for 12-month fixed-term internal secondments for Chief Operating Officers in Hull and East Riding.

When this process is complete I will work closely with the three CCG Chief Operating Officers and their respective teams to ensure we continue to align the work we are doing across the CCGs. This will ensure we have the necessary resilience and clearly defined leads for co-ordinating commissioning programmes. We can then start to use the strengths of individual teams to be the most effective commissioners we can be in each of our places. I will be bringing the three leadership teams together in the next couple of months to talk about

how we move this forward and this will then cascade through the organisations.

I have continued to Chair the Humber Acute Services Review and we are now getting to the stage where we are looking at high level options and what this might mean for services. This programme has been clinically led with significant patient engagement. We have come a long way and still have a way to go with this huge programme of work but I am pleased with the progress to date.

#### MP update

All three of our MPs in Hull retained their seats in the recent general election. Emma Hardy MP has a new role as shadow Further Education and Higher Education Minister and her top priorities for 2020 include setting up an all party parliamentary group for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and to campaign to improve local vascular service provision.

#### Lung Health Checks in Hull

Following our Board meeting we will proudly launch the new Lung Health Check programme in Hull. We welcomed the NHS England Long term Plan announcement that Hull was to be one of the ten sites to be able to offer this fantastic new service from 2020.



Our deprivation and health inequalities mean that Hull has one of the highest mortality rates from lung cancer in England and the new programme is aimed at detecting lung

cancer and other conditions at a much earlier stage. Hull is one of the first areas in the UK to be in a position to offer the checks from mobile units in community locations so we expect some national interest in how it performs.

This has been an incredibly intensive programme for the CCG, our member practices, Humber Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance and Hull University Teaching Hospitals Trust to completely transform the lung pathway in a matter of months to be able to be ready for the first participants from 27 January 2020.

I want to thank the many teams across Hull CCG that have been behind the launch of the new service, including Primary Care, Performance and Programme Delivery, Commissioning, Finance and Communications and Engagement with substantial clinical support from James Crick, Vince Rawcliffe and Masood Balouch. The first two practices to offer the checks, Wolseley Medical Practice and Haxby - Calvert and Newington have been incredibly positive as early adopters and I want to thank them and their teams for their input.

### Year of the Nurse

As 2020 is Florence Nightingale's bicentennial year, the World Health Organisation has designated it as the first ever global Year of the Nurse and Midwife.

We know that nurses and midwives make up the largest numbers of the NHS workforce. This year is an opportunity to say thank you to them and showcase their talents and expertise. I am looking forward to some of the events planned across Hull to recognise the work of nurses, midwives and allied health and social care professionals in our healthcare workforce and the impact they have on so many peoples' lives.



### Generation Hull, Model City Project

One rewarding programme of work that the CCG has funded is Generation Hull project Model City. Since November four primary schools in the city have taken part in themed creative workshops which will culminate in an outdoor exhibition and event in the city centre next month.

Generation Hull is one of the legacy projects of 2017, which explores the impact that culture can have on

shaping the lives of children - allowing a generation of children in Hull to access the same longer-term life opportunities as children



elsewhere. The children get a chance to be town planners, architects and decision makers of the

future.

Through creative workshops they will make decisions about how we should live in the future, what our cities and spaces should look like and how we should behave as a community. The project has been very successful and we are exploring ways of embedding the Generation Hull concept into existing partnerships across culture and education.

### Marking 30 years in the NHS

I was very touched with a surprise certificate and cake from my CCG team on 3 January to celebrate my 30 years in the NHS. I am fortunate to have worked in so many organisations in different roles. The last ten have been spent in Hull and these have been some of the best years in my career. I feel lucky that starting as a clerical officer I have been able to progress and do all of my training with the support of the NHS. I was pleased to share my 'NHS birthday' with Dave Blain, Adult Safeguarding Lead, who has clocked up 40 years in the NHS in a number of roles



I want to thank everyone who has supported me along the way. I feel privileged to work in such a wonderful organisation.

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