

Report to the NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group on 30 January 2020

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Summary and Purpose of Paper

The paper sets out items of note arising since the last meeting which are relevant to NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and to its health service commissioning activity on behalf of the Somerset population.

Recommendations and next steps

The Governing Body is asked to **Note** the Chief Executive's report.

Impact Assessments – key issues identified

Equality	N/A			
Quality	N/A			
Privacy	N/A			
Engagement	N/A			
Financial / Resource	N/A			
Governance or Legal	N/A			
Risk Description	N/A			
Risk Rating	Consequence	Likelihood	RAG Rating	GBAF Ref
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of items of note arising during the period to 15 January 2020 and information on my activity during this period.

2 NATIONAL

GP patient survey now live

- 2.1 The 2020 GP patient survey launched on Monday 06 January 2020.
- 2.2. Last year, more than 770,000 people gave feedback on around 7,000 GP practices across England. It is a key source of information about the performance of practices, CCGs and STPs.

100,000 more people set to benefit from personal health budgets

- 2.3 A change in the law means 100,000 more people will have the right to a personal health budget to manage their care and support needs. The change came into force on Monday 02 December 2019 and benefits people eligible for an NHS wheelchair, and people who require aftercare services under section 117 of the Mental Health Act.
- 2.4 A personal health budget is a bespoke package of care, planned and agreed between people and their healthcare team. They give people more choice and flexibility over the support they receive. Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are responsible for local provision of personal health budgets.

3 LOCAL

Operational Pressures Escalation Level (OPEL)

- 3.1 OPEL shows the amount of pressure being experienced by hospital, community and emergency health services. OPEL Level 1 is the lowest level of pressure on the system. OPEL Level 4 is the highest.
- 3.2 As at Wednesday 15 January 2020, the escalation level for the whole of Somerset was OPEL Level 3, described as:

The local health and social care system is experiencing major pressures compromising patient flow and continues to increase. Actions taken in Level 2 have not succeeded in returning the system to Level 1. Further urgent actions are now required across the system by all A&E Delivery Board partners, and increased external support may be required. Regional teams in

NHS E and I will be aware of rising system pressure, providing additional support as deemed appropriate and agreed locally. National team will also be informed by DCO/Sub-regional teams through internal reporting mechanisms

Somerset launches ambitious plan to offer local nursing and midwifery training programme

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- 3.5 Nearly 500 people responded to the survey to give their views and a series of five focus groups were also held in Taunton and Yeovil.
- 3.6 The findings clearly show that there is a strong interest in training to become a registered nurse or midwife in Somerset. This interest is very strong among people in their 20s and 30s, many of whom already work in other roles in health and care services.
- 3.7 The survey showed that the three most important things which affect someone's ability to pursue a career in nursing or midwifery are:
- Being able to access a local training base, for example in Taunton, Bridgwater or Yeovil, so that they don't have to leave home to go to university to study
 - Being able to earn or receive some type of financial support while they are studying so they can support themselves and their families
 - Being able to access flexible training options such as term time or part time study, online or mobile learning to help them manage the balance between work, study, home and personal commitments.
- 3.8 Senior nurses from across the NHS in Somerset are now working with colleagues in general practice, social care and others in an exciting partnership with Bridgwater and Taunton College with the aim of bringing a new nurse training programme to Somerset.
- 3.9 This work includes:
- Talking to colleagues in the higher education sector and the Nursing and Midwifery Council about the logistics of getting a local programme approved
 - Joining the national call for a return to financial support for nurse training
 - Exploring ways of offering flexible options for training, such as nursing degree apprenticeships and top up programmes for current nurse

associates, and how new technology could help us deliver a high quality learning experience for people across the county

- Working together to provide good local student placement experiences across a wider range of health and care settings.

Chief Executive's activity report (28 November 2019-29 January 2020)

Date	Event
29 November 2019	Cancer Alliances Leadership Forum, London
03 December 2019	Meeting with clinical staff at Park Medical Practice, Shepton Mallet
03 December 2019	CCG staff briefing sessions
04 December 2019	Meeting with NHS England and Improvement re cancer alliances
06 December 2019	Somerset, Wiltshire, Avon and Gloucestershire (SWAG) Cancer Alliance Board meeting, Bristol
06 December 2019	Meeting with Julia Ross, BNSSG CCG, Bristol
10 December 2019	Somerset winter meeting with NHS England, Taunton
12 December 2019	South West Radiotherapy Group, Taunton
12 December 2019	Meeting with Peter Lewis, Somerset Partnership NHS FT and Taunton and Somerset NHS FT, Taunton
12 December 2019	Meeting with Pat Flaherty, Chief Executive, Somerset County Council
13 December 2019	People Champions update and thank you event, Yeovil
13 December 2019	Introductory meeting with Medical Director, Taunton and Somerset NHS FT
17 December 2019	Chairs and Chief Executives meeting, south region, London
19 December 2019	Meeting with Chair of South Petherton Hospital League of Friends, Yeovil
20 December 2019	Telephone call with Martock and South Petherton Patient Participation Group chair
07 January 2020	CCG staff briefing sessions
08 January 2020	Meeting with Clinical Director (Yeovil Primary Care Network), Yeovil
09 January 2020	BBC Radio Somerset – newspaper review
09 January 2020	Health and Wellbeing Board development workshop
09 January 2020	Meeting with Pat Flaherty, Chief Executive, Somerset County Council
10 January 2020	Meeting with Peter Lewis, Somerset Partnership NHS FT and Taunton and Somerset NHS FT, Taunton
10 January 2020	SIDeR shared care record demonstration
14 January 2020	Meeting with Jonathan Higman, Chief Executive, Yeovil District Hospital NHS FT, Yeovil
15 January 2020	Somerset System Leadership Board meeting, Taunton
15 January 2020	Somerset, Wiltshire, Avon and Gloucestershire Cancer Alliance assurance and delivery meeting
16 January 2020	Health and Wellbeing Board, Taunton
16 January 2020	Meeting with Patient Participation Group Chair Network Chair, Taunton

21 January 2020	Joint commissioning executive to executive half day session with Somerset County Council, Taunton
22 January 2020	Somerset Board to Board meeting, Yeovil
23 January 2020	Local Medical Committee / CCG liaison meeting, Taunton
23 January 2020	Patient Participation Group Chair's Network meeting, Yeovil

15 January 2020