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Healthcare professionals, patients and the public help shape the future of hospital services in South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and Chesterfield

Healthcare professionals across South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and Chesterfield are coming together with patients and the public to

help shape how hospital services could be delivered in the future to ensure local people continue to get safe, sustainable, high quality care, in work commissioned by the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Accountable Care System and supported by the Working Together Partnership Vanguard Trusts.

The first step will be to look at how current hospital services are provided and what needs to happen to future proof them, taking into account local and national issues such as rising demand, workforce and resource challenges and consistently delivering quality standards. The aim will be to ensure patients and local communities have access to appropriate, safe, high quality care and that improved ways of working are developed to ensure existing staff are retained as well as hospitals being able to attract the best possible staff in the future.

The decision to work collectively across South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and Chesterfield has been taken to ensure that it is local healthcare professionals, public and patients that drive changes moving forward and that we have services tailored to local needs.

The detailed work that began at the end of October is exploring how five services could be delivered to ensure local people have access to safe, high quality care provided by the most appropriate healthcare professional and in the best place. The services are: urgent and emergency care; maternity services; hospital services for children who are particularly ill; services for stomach and intestines conditions (gastroenterology), including investigations (endoscopy); and stroke (early supported discharge and rehabilitation). The decision to examine these five services follows conversations with senior clinicians, the public and detailed examination of information about these services including patient and staff experience of the services and other underpinning data.

This work will be independently led by a former Vascular Consultant and Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Senate Chair Professor Chris Welsh, who spent many years delivering care in our region. The work will take place over the next 6 months and conclude in

April 2018.

Vanguard established radiographer academy receives high praise

The WTPV established UK first training academy for radiographers set up to grow the number of people who are able to read (also known as report) X-rays is receiving high praise from the first wave of cohorts.

Since September Rotherham has been home to a tailor-made Reporting Radiographer Academy, which is the first centre in the country where radiographers undertake their initial clinical training together.

Radiographers are the health professionals who take diagnostic images such as X-rays, MRI and CT scans, however some also interpret what the images are showing, alongside their medical radiologist colleagues. Using radiographers to also interpret the images is now common in the UK, however it is believed this is the first time in the UK that NHS organisations have grouped together to offer their existing staff the chance to up-skill through attending the dedicated academy.

The concept for the Working Together Reporting Radiographer Academy was born after the leads from each of the hospital Trusts in Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley, Doncaster, Bassetlaw and Chesterfield commenced working together to collectively address local issues. They identified that although they wished to increase the number of reporting radiographers the national shortage of radiologists was having a significant impact on the ability to train staff, so they came up with the collaborative Reporting Radiographer Academy as a solution.

The first wave of trainees from Trusts in Barnsley, Rotherham, Mid Yorks and Calderdale and North Lincs commenced their training in September and are all guaranteed jobs reporting back in their trusts upon completion of the course.

Trainee Ryan Holmes said: "I'm so pleased I've had the opportunity to do my training at the WTPV Reporting Radiographers Academy. The amount of knowledge, support and experience we have acquired is fantastic, and I have colleagues who have done other reporting radiographer courses who are very jealous when I tell them about the approach that is taken at the Academy.

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Lynsey Fowler added: “It’s very beneficial that we are taken out of our workplaces and have a dedicated place and time to complete our training, whereas if we were trying to do whilst at the Trust the chances of us being pulled back to do our clinical duties would be very high!”

Emma Tattersall, said: “One of the key benefits for me is that we are all learning lots from each other, not just the tutor.”

Chris Osborne, said: “The course is great. Just two months in and you can already see how massively improved we all are in our reporting.”

James Harcus, the Clinical Educator for the academy said: “They are a fantastic group of trainees . They have the right attitude, and really value the training.

Dr Des Breen, Medical Director for the Working Together Partnership said: “It is great to hear that the first trainees are enjoying the course and finding it so beneficial. It is significantly beneficial to the Trusts too, as well as the trainees. As it is a regionally coordinated initiative, with candidates training as one cohort, it massively reduces the training burden on individual Trusts who would otherwise have to attempt training reporting radiographers on their own.”

Another cohort of trainees will commence their training soon as part of the trial. Health Education England and the WTPV Trusts are exploring the continuation of the Academy after the end of Vanguard programmes in March 2018.

For more information on the reporting radiographer academy please contact James Harcus, Clinical Educator on j.harcus@shu.ac.uk or Professor Bev Snaith, Clinical Lead on b.snaith@bradford.ac.uk



Procurement successes shared for FAB Vanguard Week

The first week in November saw the second annual FAB Vanguard Week take place. Alongside sharing the great news about the radiographer academy feedback, the WTPV also published a case study about the successful work of the procurement workstream.

The case study highlighted how the success of joint working across the procurement teams continues, with the implementation of the national price benchmarking tool and the early adoption of the procurement dashboard across the Trusts.

Having successfully rolled out the use of the national PPIB (Price benchmarking) tool across the WTPV footprint it was decided to widen the scope of the analytics and implement the Procurement Dashboard which sits alongside it. The WTPV Trusts are the early adopters of the tool having recognised that widening the scope beyond that of merely product comparison could reap benefits which had previously been difficult to access or assess.

Many benefits have been found through implementing the system across all the partners' trusts. Read the full case study [here](#).

If you would like more information on the experience of the WTPV procurement teams in implementing the PPIB tool and Procurement dashboard please email: paul.ralston@nhs.net

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