



Partners' Update

All the latest from the Working Together Partnership Vanguard

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£1m of new funding to support Working Together confirmed

NHS England has confirmed that £962,000 of new funding will be allocated to support and spread the work of the Working Together Partnership Vanguard for 2017-18.

Dr Des Breen, Medical Director of the Working Together Partnership Vanguard said: "Over the last 2 years, the seven NHS Trusts who make up the Working Together Partnership have delivered some real benefits. This has included developing new ways of delivering care, spearheading innovative procurement methods which have saved more than £1million pounds and using digital technology which make it easier for clinicians to deliver timely and seamless care across the seven Trusts.

"We are therefore very pleased that our funding has been agreed for a further year because this means we can continue this important work and also play a key role in bringing to fruition the aspirations outlined in the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Sustainability and Transformation plan."

New easier way to have your say on the future of Children's Surgery

In order to reach as many people as possible before the consultation closes on 14th February 2017 a new easier way to contribute has been created.

A three question multiple-choice online survey has been created as an easier way to respond to the consultation than the open-ended questions that have previously been asked.

The new survey can be found here: bit.ly/2hWY49Z

The consultation is part of a review being carried out by Commissioners Working Together and the Working Together Partnership Vanguard.

Stroke Consultation

A shorter version of the Stroke consultation also being run by Commissioners Working Together simultaneously has also been made available: bit.ly/2hLILUR



The polls are just one way views are being collected. For the formal consultation survey and information about the proposals, visit www.smybndccgs.nhs.uk



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Jonathan Edwards, procurement lead for the Working Together Programme vanguard, has written a blog about '[What effect will the weakening pound have on NHS finances?](#)' Jonathan outlines some of the financial challenges facing the NHS in the coming years.

What's next for the Vanguard in 2017?

A few snippets of what's planned by the Working Together project leads for early 2017:

- The Informatics workstream is looking at interoperability for e-discharge and clinical letters. A proposal for moving this forwards is being developed.

- Two Trusts (Doncaster & Bassetlaw and Mid Yorks) have confirmed their intention to move to a new Absence Management system. An outline implementation plan for planned April 'go-live' is now under development

- Funding has been secured for a Radiographer Academy Pilot and work is taking place with local universities and the Trusts' radiography depts to move this forward. The pilot aims to train a small cohort (c7 across WTP members) of radiographers to report high volumes of plain film x-rays independently, increasing the number of reporting radiographers across the patch and therefore increasing capacity for reporting

- Following successful implementation of new Ear, Nose and Throat rotas in December 2016, the Oral, Maxillofacial Services project is looking at their workforce model options, with a view to developing a proposal early in 2017

E-Tendering solution brings Trusts together

Procurement Leads from the South Yorkshire Working Together Trusts have once again joined forces to ensure we are able to work together better, reducing duplication, and making efficiency savings wherever possible by all moving to the same E-tendering system.

From December Trusts have begun moving over to a new system procured under the North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative (CPC) framework. The switch will see all Trusts make a financial saving within the two year contract. It will also allow all Trusts to see each other's tenders, will ensure all Trusts are working to a standard suite of documents that can be used and shared by all, and all Trust's contracts will be stored in the site and be viewable by each other.

The new system will go live once the first tranche of cross-Trust staff have been trained early in 2017.

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