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Working Together Partnership shortlisted for two national health awards

An innovative approach to partnering up when purchasing medical supplies, which has saved the Working Together Trusts more than £1m, has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award.

The Partnership has been shortlisted in the Health Service Journal (HSJ) Value in Healthcare Awards, in both the Innovative Procurement category and the Value in Support Services category.

The innovative procurement shortlisted entry showcases how by working together in the purchase of a number of medical supplies, such as examination and surgical gloves, medical pulp, tissue adhesives, film dressings and needles and syringes, the hospitals were able to make significant financial savings without affecting quality of care for patients. With all Trusts committing to purchasing the same standard product, the suppliers receive larger, guaranteed volumes and it is therefore possible to negotiate better financial deals with them.

The Working Together Partnership Vanguard has also been shortlisted for the Value in NHS Support Services category. The shortlisted bid demonstrates how Trusts can make significant savings by working together and adopting best practice approaches across corporate services, such as workforce management and legal services.



International Health Commentator coaches partnership

The Working Together Partnership have presented the successes and challenges of their vanguard journey so far to renowned international health commentator Professor Don Berwick and received coaching from him around next steps.

The partnership were one of a small number of vanguards asked to present to Professor Berwick during his short visit to the UK this month.

The international healthcare opinion former was appointed by The King's Fund and NHS England in October 2015 to help support vanguards and was keen to hear how the Trusts in the South Yorkshire, Mid Yorkshire

Tony Pedder, Chair of the Working Together Partnership Vanguard said: “We are delighted that the Working Together Partnership Vanguard has received this recognition. The partnership has been able to achieve significant savings that can be re-invested in patient care. “

The innovative approach to procurement also came second and Highly Commended in the Adoption and Diffusion category of the Yorkshire & Humber Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) Innovation, Improvement Awards, which were awarded this month.



and North Derbyshire area are successfully working together.

Working Together Programme Director Janette Watkins presented to Professor Berwick the progress of the Vanguard and the challenges around developing clinical networks, new governance systems for the partnership, as well as developments between Trusts in informatics, procurement, shared service and best practice initiatives.

Professor Berwick then used coaching techniques to support shared learning across the vanguards to enable them to identify what action they could take to overcome their challenges.

Working Together takes part in #FABVanguardWeek

#FABVanguardWeek, a national campaign to raise awareness of the work of the vanguards, has taken place this month.

Vanguards were established to take a lead on the development of new care models and to act as the blueprints for the NHS moving forward and the inspiration to the rest of the health and care system. It is therefore crucial to their success that their work is shared.

As part of #FABVanguardWeek Working Together Medical Director Dr Des Breen did an interview with the Academy of Fab NHS Stuff giving his views on being a vanguard. [Read his interview here](#)

#FABVanguardWeek also saw the partnership sharing our learning with many new audiences online, with a very active week on Twitter, which included:

- 90 Re-tweets of WTPV messages
- 52 Likes of WTPV messages
- 12 New followers
- 10 @Mentions

University of Sheffield to lead Working Together evaluation

The University of Sheffield's School of Health and Related Research have been contracted to undertake an evaluation of the Working Together Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) Managed Clinical Network.

The evaluation will explore to what extent the creation of the clinical network, which sees key ENT Consultants from each Trust meeting monthly, was an important contributory factor in the changes to the out of hours rota that has now been implemented cross-trust as a means of improving sustainability.

The aim is for the evaluation, which has been paid for nationally, to provide a basis for wider evaluation of the Managed Clinical Networks, which are an area of the vanguard that are considered to have high replicability value.

New forum for working with Mental Health Alliance gets underway

A new regular forum for joint working between the Working Together partners and the local Mental Health Alliance (Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust and Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust) is now underway, following a successful first meeting of the Chairs and Chief Executives from all nine organisations.

The partners identified that by undertaking more formal working with the Mental Health Alliance each organisations' ability to deliver safe, sustainable and local services could be developed even further.

The mental health alliance have already conducted some work with the Working Together Partnership around non-clinical support services, and further projects identified for collaboration include responding to a bid for funding to transform acute based psychiatric liaison.

The Mental Health Alliance Chief Executives and Chairs will now meet



The evaluation will commence in January and is due to be completed by the end of March.

with the Working Together Partnership Chairs and Chief Executives on a quarterly basis to discuss progress on joint projects and to explore further opportunities to collaborate.

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