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Trust Boards discuss working together in pathology network

In September 2017 NHS Improvement (NHSI) published requirements around the development of 29 pathology networks across the NHS.

**Second report published
looking at future-proofing local
hospital services**

They have looked into pathology services across the UK and believe that implementing 29 networks will provide high quality, rapid and comprehensive diagnostic services for patients, which are delivered in the most efficient manner. This will facilitate the introduction of, and widest access to, new investigations and diagnostic systems, and improve future training and career development for scientific and technical staff.

The networks will run as a hub and spoke model and the NHSI proposal for South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SY&B) is centred on Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) as the hub for the surrounding Trusts in Barnsley, Rotherham, Doncaster and Bassetlaw.

There is already a strong partnership across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Trusts, and a Pathology Steering Group, which is attended by Clinical Directors and Service Managers, has been in place for some time, and has now taken on the role of the Programme Board for the development of the pathology network. Clinical Reference Groups have been established for blood sciences, microbiology and virology and histopathology, attended by service and clinical management from the Trusts.

Sheffield Children's Hospital is a specialist Trust and was initially excluded from the NHSI Networks, however they have subsequently been asked to work with their locally identified partners. The Trust was involved in the steering group, workstreams and discussions from the outset. They are also exploring working with other paediatric services on specialist tests.

Work is currently underway to look at how to future-proof local hospital services in South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and Chesterfield. The work is looking at how we can do this, identifying which services would benefit from being provided in different ways. More information about this is available [here](#).

During the course of the Review, three reports will be published. The second of these has now been published on the Health and Care Working Together for South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw website [here](#).

The intention of the second report is to ensure that anyone who wants it can have access to the information and issues which have been discussed between clinicians and in the public engagement sessions, to enable all stakeholders to engage with the ongoing debate. It focuses on the challenges identified in the core

NHSI set a requirement for Trusts to develop a common Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which sets out a commitment to work together as a network to deliver high quality, resilient and efficient services. An MoU for South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw is being formally considered by Trust Boards during February/March 2018.

The MoU confirms a commitment to work together as a network and in doing so to make sure we find the best opportunities to ensure high quality, sustainable and efficient pathology services over the coming years. It sets out key principles, governance arrangements and an outline programme plan, which builds in the appropriate consideration of options, feedback from key stakeholders / clinical reference groups, and learnings from other partnerships across the NHS. All partners are committed to conducting the work in the best interests of staff and patients.

The preferred approach is to work together as a formal NHS partnership across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw.

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services by clinicians, patients and the public, and some of the key themes emerging around them. It explores a number of examples of good practice elsewhere and outlines the next steps of the Review. It does not include solutions since these will be explored in stage 2.

If you would like to stay up to date with what's happening with this work please email acs.engagement@nhs.net

International Health Commentator visits South Yorkshire

Renowned international health commentator, Professor Don Berwick is back in the UK

National and Regional Nurse Leaders tour South Yorkshire hospitals

this month building on the work he has been doing with vanguards for the past few years, and will be visiting Health and Care Working Together for South Yorkshire (the Accountable Care System).

The eminent international healthcare opinion former was appointed by The King's Fund and NHS England in October 2015 to help support vanguards and latterly their successor partnerships, such as STPs and Accountable/ Integrated Care Systems.

He will be meeting with clinicians in South Yorkshire and discussing the local system's work on 'Designing systems together' and 'developing new models of care'.

Professor Des Breen, Working Together Medical Director said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable insight from such a renowned, international leader in healthcare."

A paediatrician by background, Don was for 19 years the founding CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. In 2010, he was appointed as the Administrator of the Centres for Medicare and Medicaid Services (the federal agency overseeing Medicare and Medicaid in the United States of America), a position that he held until December 2011. He has served on the faculties of the Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health.

In 2013 he carried out a review of patient safety in the NHS for former Prime Minister David Cameron. Recognised as a leading authority on health care quality and

Hilary Garrett CBE, Director of Nursing, NHS England and Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for England; and Margeret Kitching, NHS England Nurse Director for the North, were in South Yorkshire earlier this month for a whistle-stop tour of the region's hospitals.

A series of 'in discussion with' events were held in one day at five hospital sites (in Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley, Bassetlaw and Doncaster – with a live stream to Mexborough), meaning over 200 nursing staff were able to attend and take part in the conversation.

Topics covered included background to the Accountable Care System, and the Hospital Services Review, with tackling the nursing workforce issue top of the agenda for the attending nurses at each site. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with

improvement, Don has authored or co-authored more than 160 scientific articles and six books.

nurses grateful that they've had the opportunity to be involved in such discussions.

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