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Working Together partners agree to make changes to children's surgery in the region

On 28th June 2017, the Joint Clinical Commissioning Group Committee made the decision to change the way some children's surgery and anaesthesia services are provided in South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.

Over the last three years, the Commissioners Working Together Programme and the Working Together Partnership Vanguard have come together to review the care and experiences of all children needing an emergency operation in our region and make recommendations for improvements.

Over the course of the three years, the improved joined up working by all the region's hospitals and commissioning organisations has meant new ways of working have been developed and the number of children affected by the changes has reduced since the number predicted at the launch of the consultation in October 2016.

The decision that has been made means that around one or two children per week needing an emergency operation for some conditions, at night or at a weekend, will no longer be treated in hospitals in Barnsley, Chesterfield and Rotherham and will instead have their surgery at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Children's Hospital or Pinderfield's General Hospital where the right staff, with the right skills will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Des Breen, medical director for the Working Together Partnership, said:

"As discussed throughout the 19 week consultation period, we've been facing a number of issues which mean that we need to change how we provide emergency, out of hours operations for children across the

South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw named as an Accountable Care System

South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw has been named as one of the first areas in the country to be an Accountable Care System – putting the region at the forefront of nationwide action to provide joined up, better co-ordinated care breaking down the barriers between GPs and hospitals, physical and mental healthcare, social care and the NHS.

Sir Andrew Cash, STP Lead for South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, said: "We're delighted to be named as one of the first regions in the country to be an early adopter Accountable Care System.

"Without doubt, this is down to the strong relationships that exist between the NHS and local partners in each of our towns and city, and a proven history of working together to improve health and care for our population.

"Our Plan has been well received and

region. We've listened to the consultation feedback and worked with expert groups of clinicians in the various specialties, By introducing a 'managed clinical network' approach where staff work across organisations, a 24 hour, seven day a week emergency service will be provided for children in specialist hubs with specially trained ambulance crews taking a child to the best place for them in terms of getting the best, most appropriate care.

Children needing care and treatment for very significant injuries are already taken directly to Sheffield Children's Hospital. It's the only major trauma centre able to look after children in our region and this will not change."

For more information on the change, please see: www.smybndccgsnhs.uk

while it is still at a formative stage, it reflects the strength of our collective ambition to bring about more joined up health and care, invest in GP and community services and make sure everyone has access to the best treatment while supporting them to stay well."

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Oral and Maxillofacial teams help shape services for the future

Clinical and non-clinical staff who work in oral and maxillofacial surgery services (OMFS) across the six hospital Trusts in South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and Chesterfield came together in early June to have their say on developing their service going forwards.

Specialists in oral and maxillofacial surgery deal with the diagnosis and treatment of patients with diseases affecting the mouth, jaws, face and neck.

Key outcomes from the event included

- An agreement that in principle a regional workforce solution would improve the sustainability of the on-call rotas for trauma.
- An agreement to explore a regional approach to recruitment to improve the sustainability of each of the units and to set up an Oral Surgery Managed Clinical Network to identify improvements for the region were also reached.

Nicholas Lee, Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon and Working Together Clinical Lead for OMFS said: "The event was a great opportunity to discuss options together, and the outcomes agreed are an important step on our journey to ensure we can continue to develop high quality services for the future."

Finance teams move to shared ledger and save over £100k

Four of the Working Together Partnership Trusts have worked together to bring their previously separate financial ledgers together under one system called Integra.

The move means that the Trusts' financial ledgers are all now together in one environment, making greater collaboration easier and reducing overall costs by £115k per year.

The development has been made possible with the support of Capita Integrated Business Solutions (CIBS).

The four Trusts involved in the change are: Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Trust; Sheffield Children's Trust; Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber Trust and Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust.

Working Together support Trusts with Cyber Security

In light of the recent cyber threats against NHS Trusts, the Working Together Partnership have held a security roundtable forum with IT leads from partner Trusts and further afield.

The session at the end of June gave Trusts the opportunity to hear from industry experts who talked about what they are seeing across the board in 2017 and how Trusts can be as well prepared as possible. Stephen Mattern, Associate Director of IM&T from Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust gave insight into the lessons they learned from the recent Cyber Attack on the Trust back in November 2016.

Michael Rodgers, Working Together IT Lead said: "With an overwhelming array of emerging threats against the confidentiality, integrity and availability of systems and data in Healthcare, we wanted to play our part in helping Trusts know how to be prepared."

Working Together Partnership benefits from national New Care Models shared learning events

Over recent months the Working Together Partnership has been involved in attending a number of events to share their learning and to hear from others about their learning.

At a 'Collaboration: Know-How?' Event in Westminster, we heard from Jacob West, one of the NHS England New Care Models Leads, and saw the launch of a document 'NHS Group Models: Working Together for a more sustainable NHS'. The Working Together Partnership Vanguard found particular value in contributions from Sir David Dalton, the Chief Executive of Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust about how to make Acute Care Collaborations work; Clare Panniker, the first Chief Executive to take charge of three NHS Trusts who spoke about their Committees in Common and Joint Venture models; and Dr Ronald Agble, Director of Partnerships and Transactions at the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust who spoke about networked radiology. If you are interested in hearing more about the learning from the event please contact Janette Watkins at janettewatkins@nhs.net

At an event hosted by the NHS Confederation at the House of Commons, Professor Don Berwick spoke to Politicians about the importance of sharing the learning from the Vanguards so that future decisions on health are informed.

Working Together Programme Director Janette Watkins and Dr Des Breen, Programme Medical Director spoke at the international Health+Care show at the London Excel Centre. They were one of 18 Vanguards represented at the event, which attracted over 7000 delegates. Janette and Des spoke about collaboration between acute hospitals with reference to the working together projects using the setting up of the radiographer academy as an example for clinical services and joint procurement initiatives and shared services as an example on corporate services.

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