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Public consultation launched on children's surgery and anaesthesia services across South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw & North Derbyshire

Over the past year The Working Together Partnership Vanguard (WTPV) has been supporting the Commissioner Working Together Partnership (CWT) looking at what the future of children's surgery and anaesthesia might look like in our region, with the knowledge and insight that there is a national shortage of doctors being trained and that we need to deliver care differently across our region in a planned and sustainable way.

Clinicians and managers from the Trusts who currently provide children's surgery were asked to assess their service and outcomes against national core standards, gathering data on numbers of people needing the service and staffing levels. All partners agreed that patients should experience the highest quality and safest service possible, regardless of where they live.

The review is now complete and a commissioner-led public consultation commenced at the beginning of October to ask the public what they think about three options. During this time Trusts will be working with commissioners on the practical implications of the possible outcomes of the consultations.

A simultaneous commissioner-led consultation has also launched into Hyper Acute Stroke (HASU) services in the region.
[Click here for more information on both consultations.](#)

Welcome...

To the new look Working Together Partnership Vanguard newsletter.

We have re-launched this newsletter, along with a refreshed website (www.workingtogethernhs.co.uk), to help keep our partners up to date with what the Partnership Vanguard team are working on.

As part of this process we have also added people to the mailing list for this newsletter, so if you are receiving it for the first time we hope you find it a useful update.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to colleagues for whom it may be a useful read, and they can request to be added to the mailing list by emailing katy.davison@sth.nhs.uk



Working as part of the STP

You've probably heard about the [South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Sustainability and Transformation Plan \(STP\)](#) whereby all the health, local authority and voluntary sector organisations are working together to develop a 5 year plan for the Health and Social Care system in our area.

The Working Together Partnership Vanguard is a key delivery arm of a number of proposed STP projects. In the development of the STP, Working Together is also looked at as a good example of what can be achieved when organisations work more closely together to deliver healthcare. Working differently together - across providers, local authorities, education, the voluntary sector and commissioning is seen as crucial to the success of the STP as it aims to improve health and care for people across our region.

Sharing Ophthalmology Best Practice

September 9th saw the Working Together Partnership Vanguard being visited by a fellow Vanguard team from Moorfields Eye Hospital. We were able to share our different approaches and our thoughts about developing sustainable ophthalmology services for the future.



Project aims to standardise training

Work is underway on standardising and streamlining the Mandatory and Statutory Training (MAST) across all Trusts to reduce the difference in how it is delivered. The same subject can involve a two-hour training module for one Trust and a four hour in another. There is often also a requirement to re-complete the same training if a member of staff moves from one Trust to another. The project is looking at a 'passport system' whereby completed training can be taken from one trust to another.

Improving Out of Hours cover for Ear, Nose & Throat Services

All seven of the Working Together partner Trusts have recently been discussing how best to address challenges in staffing the rota for out of hours Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) services. Clinicians from each of the Trusts have been involved in developing a series of options, and discussions are now taking place as to the appropriate options to consider further.

Reducing the reliance on medical agency staff

In June, Working Together Trusts agreed they would take common approaches to managing medical agency requests. Currently Trusts' spend on medical agency differs greatly across the patch. This scheme looks to find solutions to end this disparity and find regional solutions to reduce reliance on medical agency staff. A paper was presented to the Trust CEOs in August and the findings within the report are now being considered and firm proposals developed.

Coming up...

Oct – Jan:
Commissioners Working Together led Public Consultation into Children's surgery and anaesthesia and Hyper Acute Stroke Services

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