**London Sexual Health Transformation Programme**

Update December 2016

Welcome to the last briefing of the year from the London Sexual Health Transformation Programme. Unfortunately we remain quite restricted in what we can say due to procurement rules, but all of the activity going on is an essential part of the process to put in place key parts of the transformed sexual health system.

**The Case for Change**

The programme board, core group and Chief Executive Group continue to test all decisions and proposals against the case for change that was agreed when the collaborative was established in 2014. As we move into an implementation phases in the New Year it is vital that we keep these drivers central to all of our work

Those key drivers remain:

* The need for sexual health services in London is significantly higher than the rest of the country, and continues to increase
* The noticeable variations in access and activity across boroughs, with residents from across London accessing services in central London
* The significant advantages for London boroughs to work together to transform and commission services
* The importance of maintaining and improving strong clinical governance, safeguarding and quality assurance arrangements for commissioning open access services
* The need to respond to current and future financial challenges, and make the best use of resources available.

**Channel Shift Group**

After an extensive procurement process and assessment of a number of very high quality tenders, the Channel Shift Group has appointed Uscreates to provide specialist behaviour change support for the programme. This work is crucial to help ensure that the e service offering is used by people who would benefit from doing so, avoiding the need to go to a clinic. Final contractual details are being sorted but we hope to have an inception meeting soon and will give more details about the work plan in the New Year.

**E Service Procurement Progress**

We have now successfully completed the first phase, with the Invitation to Participate in Negotiation (ITPN) stage going very well. It is anticipated that detailed negotiations will begin before Xmas.

**Integrated Sexual Health Tariff**

The Clinical Advisory Group signed off some changes to the Integrated Sexual Health Tariff at its meeting in November.  Changes include the pathways for hepatitis and for contraception, linked to changes in guidelines and updated prices.  The agreed changes have now been posted on the Pathway Analytics website at:

<https://www.pathwayanalytics.com/sexual-health/296?contract=London%20ISHT%202017/18>

**Next Steps for the Programme**

The programme is continuing to discuss the closing of this phase of the programme and transferring ownership of the work shifts to local councils. It is important that we put the right governance and implementation plans in place to enable continued effective joint partnership working across London, building on the successes to date.

***Sub Regional Updates***

**Inner North West London**

The INWL procurement is underway and is currently working through the internal processes required prior to contract award. An update will be provided in due course.

An internal communications strategy is in place and will be implemented as necessary.

**Outer North West London**

Procurement is underway in the sub region. A number of bidders have been invited to participate in the negotiation phase following the evaluation process which included a presentation to 25 service users. Commissioners have met with bidders twice to provide feedback and receive clarification on their initial submission.

To allow for any delay to the start date of the new integrated service, Cabinet have agreed contract extensions for the participating boroughs.

The next steps are to set out an indicative Procurement Timetable and agree themes for negotiation.

**North Central**

The sub-region published the tender opportunity at the end of August 2016.  The service specification for NCL was reviewed and agreed by the LSHTP’s Clinical Advisory Group, which includes senior independent clinical membership, and endorsed as the core specification for the programme as a whole.  The deadline for submissions was 11th October.  Review of submissions is being carried out for both of the lots, which cover respectively Barnet, Camden, Haringey and Islington (Lot 1) and Hackney and The City of London (Lot 2).   We are currently in negotiation process of the tender with a target of rewarding contracts late January 2017.

**North East London**

NEL have now completed a detailed contraception analysis and the technical document is being used to inform the service specification. The engagement and consultation report has been finalised and the findings have been added to the service specification

The four NEL boroughs in the North East London sub region have agreed the procurement strategy.  Newham is leading the procurement on behalf of the others boroughs and the team are currently finalising the procurement documents.

**South West London**

SWL boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton and Richmond are proceeding with their sub-region procurement which will be issued in December for an Inner SW sub regional Integrated Sexual Health Service to commence delivery in autumn 2017. This service will fully incorporate the London E-Healthcare services (for eligible borough residents) into the new system.

Sutton are charging using ISHT for their integrated service.  Croydon have entered into a Section 75 Agreement with their current provider and will continue shadowing ISHT in 2016/17.  Kingston has no plans for an at scale reconfiguration of its services**,** given it already has fully integrated level 3 provision, but has already briefed their provider on the incorporation of the London e. services healthcare model. Hounslow have an integrated service contract ending in 2019.

**South East London**

The Guy’s and St Thomas’ public consultation on a new service model and site rationalisation was completed at the end of September. The Trust are publishing the proposals which include closing three community clinics whilst extending opening hours and the service offer in those remaining and extending access to self-sampling and online services.

KCH continue to deliver the pilot of assisted ‘e’ triage at front door, with The Guy’s and St Thomas’ starting a similar pilot shortly.

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The next briefing will be issued towards the end of January 2017. If there are subjects you would like to see covered, or have any comments about the briefing, please let us know.

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