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Engagement Committee in Common: Chair's Report (Public)

1. Executive Summary

The latest meeting of this committee in common took place on 4 December 2018, chaired by Chris Peach, Lay Member (Patient & Public Engagement). The committee in common reviewed engagement activity in relation to:

- Positively engaging with communities in Devon
- Mapping work across Devon
- NHS Long Term Plan
- Mental health strategy
- Teignmouth update
- CCG merger update
- Support for PPGs across Devon

2. Purpose of report

This report highlights the range of engagement activity being undertaken for the purpose of updating the CCGs' Governing Body. The role of the meeting in common is to provide assurance that effective engagement is taking place, in line with statutory requirements.

3. Content (risk and assurances)

The core topics discussed at the meeting were:

Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 October 2018 were approved. The Chair's Report of the meeting is available from both CCGs' websites [here](#) and [here](#).

Positively engaging with communities in Devon

Councillors Kevin Ball and Barry Parsons attended the Engagement Committee and presented to the members their experiences around developing strong partnerships with their local communities. It was highlighted that Devon had been recognised as an exemplar and had been invited to attend and present at a national STP conference in November. Slides of the presentation were circulated to the members.

Mapping work across Devon

The Engagement Committee discussed mapping of engagement activity with stakeholders across Devon - where we are doing it well and other areas that need more work. We need to

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know what engagement activities are happening across Devon e.g. in our providers, across the CCG and in mental health, as we don't currently have a full picture. Devon County Council are currently mapping all their activities and this is a big piece of work that DCC chief executive Phil Norrey is involved in and this is work in progress.

NHS Long Term Plan

The NHS Long-Term Plan is due to be published in December, with the emphasis on starting well in life, living well and aging well. The government have committed extra funding by investing in mental health and prevention. NHS England has committed monies to Health watch around the long term plan, which is positive news. (**Post-minutes note:** The NHS Long Term Plan was published nationally in January 2019 and can be found [here.](#))

Mental Health Strategy

An update was given on the current mental health strategy. An extension of two additional weeks to the deadline for feedback was given to keep the momentum going and to give a true and more up to date picture. From 7 September - 19 October:

- 503 people accessed the survey
- There were 3,300 pieces of qualitative analysis from the survey
- 80 people attended public events
- 35 people and organisations shared feedback in other forms
- 59 people have asked to stay in touch and be involved in the future engagement.

There are a number of key themes emerging from the data - the level of aspiration, style and definitions, awareness and stigma, prevention, promotion, wider determinants. The engagement report is being developed and will explore the engagement (listening and learning) in more depth.

As a result of the engagement work:

- The vision for mental health is being revised
- There is a change to the strategic approach
- Sharing of patient experience
- More reflection
- Language has been adjusted
- Relationships developed with people and carers

The next steps will be to complete analysis of the events and interviews. The STP mental health and wellbeing strategy report will be developed and finalised with the STP Mental Health Engagement Panel through January and February. The revised strategy is being considered by Executives in the Mental Health Care Partnership board, along with the key themes summary.

Teignmouth update

There is a proposal to further investigate services within Teignmouth and the surrounding area. There are 10 key points arising from engagement that took place in 2016. There is a clear vision for GP services to come together under one roof and further integrate primary care in the town. Engagement Committee members have received a draft operational plan for any future consultations.

This suggests planning public events in Teignmouth and Dawlish, which would take place in the daytime, evening and weekends, to widen access for as many people as possible. The plan also suggests pop-in sessions, which are useful for members of the public who might not be able to

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access the consultation document through other routes. Healthwatch are identified in the plan to provide help with events, collating feedback through the consultation, analysing this and producing a final report.

CCG Merger update

The two CCGs in Devon have been working closely together over the last year and plan to merge from April 2019. Our regulators, NHS England, oversee the application process and the CCGs need to demonstrate support of the merger from the GP membership. Dr Paul Johnson and Simon Tapley visited and listened to GPs and practice managers to collate their views and feedback. The CCGs held an event for GPs on 28 November, with a question and answer session for practices. 16 GP surgeries attended.

A second poll took place for South Devon and Torbay GP practices between November and December. A poll had already taken place for NEW Devon practices, at which NEW Devon practices supported the proposal to merge. In South Devon and Torbay, 21 practices voted in favor, 6 against and 1 didn't vote. An application to merge was submitted to NHS England and a decision will be made by them in December. If confirmed, the merger will effect from 1 April 2019.

Support for PPGs across Devon

A discussion took place with the engagement committee about the Devon PPG Network. There needs to be consistency across the county and it was recommended that a letter is sent out to all the PPGs.

4. Recommendations

The NEW Devon and SDT CCGs' Engagement Committees in Common ask the Governing Body to note this report.

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