

Minutes

WESSEX CLINICAL SENATE COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Wessex Clinical Senate Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2016 in Meeting Room 4 NHS England (Wessex), Oakley Road, Southampton, Hampshire, SO16 4GX.

Senate Council members in attendance:

William Roche (WR)	Clinical Senate Chair
Michael Baker (MB)	Deputy Director of Healthcare, Public Health England South East
Hayden Kirk (HK)	Consultant Physiotherapist, Solent NHS Trust
Richard Jones (RJ)	Clinical Director SCN, Cardiovascular
Frank Rust (FR)	Patient and Public member
Mohit Sharma (MS)	Centre Consultant, Healthcare, Public Health England South East
Gary Connett (GC)	Consultant in Paediatrics, Southampton University Hospitals Trust

Attendees/Observers present:

Debbie Kennedy (DK)	Senate Manager, NHSE, Wessex
Sara Cobby (SC)	Senate Admin Support Officer, NHSE, Wessex

Apologies:

Simon Plint (SP)	Post Graduate Dean, Health Education Wessex
Denise Cope (DC)	Clinical Director SCN Mental Health, Dementia, Neuro Conditions
Suzanne Cunningham (SC)	Consultant Midwife, University Hospitals Southampton
Lionel Cartwright (LC)	Clinical Lead, Dorset CCG
Dominic Hardy (DH)	Director of Commissioning Operations, NHS England, Wessex
Fiona Haughey (FH)	Director of Nursing, Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Ruth Williams (RW)	Director of Nursing, NHS England Wessex
Matthew Hayes (MH)	Clinical Director SCN Cancer
Liz Mearns	Medical Director, NHSE Wessex
Sally Shead (SS)	Director of Nursing, Dorset CCG
Nigel Watson (NW)	GP and Chief Executive, Local Medical Committee
Cathy Stone (CS)	Director of Nursing, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust
Adrian Higgins (AH)	GP, Clinical Lead, Primary Care, Wessex AHSN
Ranjit Mahanta (RM)	Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist for Older Adults

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p>Welcome The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. The meeting was declared quorate. The minutes from the meeting held on 24th May 2016 were approved.</p>	
2.	<p>Update on Senate Council Recommendations:</p> <p>Dorset Clinical Services Review The Dorset CSR has been a protracted process. WR thanked the Senate Council for their support in this review.</p> <p>With regard to the community hospital and community services model, a letter has been sent to the Chair of Dorset CCG stating that the Senate, although supportive of Dorset's ambitions, felt that there was a need to avoid any potential misrepresentation around clinical assurance of community-based services, as the community hospital and community services review was only partially completed in time for the Senate Council External Review. It was noted that the Senate Council also felt unable to comment on proposed bed numbers in the acute hospitals for this reason. No reply to the letter had yet been received from the CCG.</p> <p>The public consultation in Dorset was planned to start on 8th November 2016 {Post Meeting Note: this was later postponed to 1st December 2016} for both the acute and community services. The work of the Senate was well received nationally. RJ asked if the meeting held in Dorset with the CCG Clinical Leads and the Wessex Clinical Senate Leads had been helpful to the CCG Clinical Leads. DK confirmed she had telephoned all of the clinical leads and the feedback had been that it was a very useful session. DK to circulate summary of notes she had made on the telephone calls to Senate Council members. (to follow).</p> <p>North East Hants/Farnham Review North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG sent a draft business case for their community hospitals model. However the information provided was not complete and although an External Review Team had been put together (following an overwhelming response from those contacted via our database), the CCG deemed it not feasible to go ahead at this time and the external review was postponed.</p> <p>Hampshire Hospitals The previous proposal for a critical treatment hospital in the Dummer area of Basingstoke remains stalled. There is now an options appraisal planned for Winchester and Basingstoke hospitals. Invitations have gone out for organisations to tender for this work. The timescale is not yet known, but Senate may be asked to advise and clinically assure the results.</p>	<p>DK</p>
3.	<p>Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) The Dorset STP is virtually complete and has been informed by the Dorset Clinical Services Review. The Hampshire plan is not clear at present. STPs are to be completed by 23rd October 2016, but these will not be assured as they take the form of strategic advice rather than proposals for delivery at this stage. However the Senate will offer a supporting role with study days and horizon scanning.</p>	
4.	<p>Isle of Wight Study Day A Wessex Clinical Senate study day is to be held on the Isle of Wight on 14th December 2016. The Isle of Wight has problems recruiting and attracting staff to the Island and other social issues including schooling and transportation problems. There</p>	

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	<p>is no clear plan for treating more patients off Island as yet. However, there is a good cardiology pathway on the Island, which integrates with emergency cardiology off-island in Portsmouth which could be used to model good practice in other specialties.</p>	
5.	<p>Provision of Strategic Advice A draft paper was circulated to the Senate Council to set out the distinction between strategic advice and advice for assurance. It is important to articulate this, particularly where Senates are helping CCGs/STPs in the early formulation of ideas which may be later presented to it for assurance. Feedback on the document was requested. The Senate's role is horizon scanning, provision of strategic advice and provision of advice for assurance and the distinction between the three roles should be clear. Senate Council members believed that such advice should be offered free of charge as there was a risk of being seen as the "experts" or "partisan" if charges were made to commissioners. The Senate provides an external independent sense-check of service change proposals. It was agreed that this would be made clear in the paper, which would be recirculated for further comment.</p>	WR/DK
6.	<p>Any Other Business The strategic vision document for Children and Young people is being refined and will shortly be published. Dr Alyson O'Donnell extended her thanks to Senate Council Members for their comments. Congratulations were also extended to Alyson, who has taken up a new post as Medical Director in Royal Bournemouth Foundation Trust. The Chair was delighted to confirm that Alyson will continue as a Senate Council member. RJ commented that as Clinical Director PAs for the Clinical Networks had now been halved, and this may limit the amount of time that Clinical Directors were able to make available to the Senate. WR/DK would consider strategies to overcome this.</p> <p>Wessex Clinical Senate is a co-sponsor of the Wessex Primary Care Project and a workshop is planned for 29th November 2016 at the Grand Harbour Hotel to feed back their interim findings to stakeholders.</p> <p>A Clinical Senate Annual Report {Post Meeting Note: Revised to "who we are and what we do – the work of the Wessex Clinical Senate" is being produced and the website updated. Senate Council member photos and biographies are being reviewed and members would be asked to update them if necessary. Photos showing Senate Council members in their clinical environment would also very welcome (performing surgery, examinations – without patients who could be identified of course) and should be sent to SC.</p>	SC
7.	<p>Next Meeting Isle of Wight Study Day - 14th December 2016.</p> <p>Dates for 2017 Senate Council meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd March 2017 Tuesday 20th June 2017 Tuesday 19th September 2017 Wednesday 13th December 2017</p>	