

Agenda Item: 18

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Clinical Commissioning Group

Subject:	Annual Assurance of NHS Norwich CCG by NHS England
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Purpose of Paper:	For Information

Summary:

The NHS England Area Team (Anglia) conducted an Annual Assurance exercise for NHS Norwich CCG on 30th June 2015.

CCGs are measured against six domains:

- Are patients receiving clinically commissioned, high quality services?
- Are patients and the public actively engaged and involved?
- Are CCG plans delivering better outcomes for patients?
- Does the CCG have robust governance arrangements?
- Are CCGs working in partnership with others?
- Does the CCG have strong and robust leadership?

NHS England report that they are “assured with support” in relation to these domains.

They note key areas of strength:

- Positive relationships with key strategic partners as evidenced by the leadership provided to Healthy Norwich and strong participation in Your Norwich
- The Home Ward project providing step up/step down treatment and care in the patient’s home and prevent acute admissions.
- The CCG continued development as a membership organisation and its strategic support for primary care quality and sustainability.
- The CCG’s mental health commissioning strategy to support the Parity of Esteem agenda.
- The successful plan for Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) which resulted in improved and sustained performance.
- Focus and leadership on addressing quality and patient safety across all providers, providing assurance that scrutiny is ongoing and rigorous.
- Engagement with patients and the public continues to be actively developed.

NHS England recognise the alignment of the CCG’s strategy with the national vision as evidenced by Health Norwich, workforce planning in primary care and focus on mental health

They also note the key challenges in the coming months and years:

- Ensuring the delivery of NHS Constitution standards for A&E waiting times, Referral to Treatment Times, Cancer standards and Dementia diagnosis. NHS England acknowledge that the CCG is working with a particularly challenged acute trust and a mental health trust in special measures which impacts on performance.
- Keeping the financial recovery on track and rigorous contract monitoring and enforcement

will assist this performance delivery.

Finally, they recommend a long term plan to implement the Five Year Forward View
This is the final review using the six domains. Subsequent assurance meetings will be held on the basis of the new assurance framework with its five components: well led organisation, delegated functions, performance & outcomes, financial management and planning.

Recommendation:

The Governing Body is asked to note the content of the Annual Assurance letter from NHS England.