

OUR VISION:

Quality of care will be improved and unwarranted variance in services reduced

OUR PURPOSE:

To improve people's health substantially by developing strategies that have wide clinical ownership and can therefore be successfully implemented

OUR VALUES:

- Working together for patients
- Respect and dignity
- Commitment to quality of care
- Compassion
- Improving lives
- Everyone counts

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FOREWORD

This has been a year of transition for the Strategic Clinical Networks (SCNs); a year where significant work has been carried out on our vision and purpose, in line with our position within NHS England and as one of 12 similar bodies.

We have developed local operating principles which emphasise the importance of being clinically led whilst giving an equal voice to patients, carers, clinicians and managers but always placing the interest of our patients at the centre of our activities.

Together we have built on the successes of the previous clinical networks, such as cancer, cardiac and stroke and further developed the relationships that are an essential part of a vibrant and active network.

The SCNs focus on those areas where there are the biggest opportunities for improving health and making the greatest health gains. This may lead to the reorganisation of services e.g. those for stroke and heart attack. Equally, it may be by supporting the system-wide adoption of evidence based practice, such as the importance of hydration for acute kidney injury, or a greater understanding of how to help someone with dementia through 'Dementia Friends' training.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, building on what has been achieved, in such a short space of time, with the drive and commitment of our network members.



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INTRODUCTION & 2013/14 ACHIEVEMENTS



20 MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013/14

1. Engaging Cancer Patients

Contributed to various networks, peer review programme and agenda setting for 2014 priority areas by actively engaging with the Cancer Patient Partnership Groups.

2. Cancer Awareness Training for Practice and Community Nurses

200 practice nurses and nurses working within offender health and mental health received training.

3. Be Clear on Cancer Campaigns

By supporting promotion of the national campaign we have been raising awareness of key cancer symptoms and encouraging people with those symptoms to visit their GP early. Community events have been held promoting awareness of signs and symptoms of ovarian and breast cancer.

4. South Asian Breast Cancer Support Group

Collaborative research has been undertaken to understand the communication issues with South Asian women both with professional and lay people – the findings of which will shape future breast cancer awareness campaigns.

5. Stop Unnecessary Amputation – STAMP

We've spearheaded this innovative programme featured in the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Vascular Disease.

6. Asthma in Children

Partnering with the local pharmacy network, a self-management programme has been founded to reduce the number of hospital admissions.

7. Foetal loss and stillbirth

Led by senior clinicians, a special interest group have developed cohesive, robust protocols, guidance and an integrated care pathway which will be available to all Maternity Units by Autumn 2014.

8. Hope Kidney Patients Association (HKPA)

Expert patients, Hope Hospital & Salford University researchers have developed a social platform to increase information, communication and networking amongst patients.

9. Young Adult Renal Services

We've supported the development at Salford Royal Hospital to address the bio-psychosocial factors which impact on young adult lives to better their health outcomes.

10. Vascular services

In parts of Lancashire and South Cumbria an additional screening programme has been introduced to identify under 65 year old men, who may have undiagnosed abdominal aortic aneurysm, as well as a vascular specialist nurse programme through Edge Hill University.



11. Stroke Hub and Spoke Model

Building on the successful delivery of the innovative partially centralised 'hub and spoke model', a fully centralised programme for hyperacute stroke has been hosted on behalf of Greater Manchester CCGs.

12. Stroke Masters Programme

Additional places on this programme have been organised through MMU supporting reconfiguration of services.

13. Cardiovascular Disease

We are improving the chances of survival for those suffering an out of hospital cardiac arrest by continuing 'The Chain of Survival' posts instigated by North West Ambulance Service.

14. Palliative Care and End of Life Care

We have commissioned 'The Conversations of Life' programme which is available to all CCGs in the region.

15. More Care – Less Pathway

We have worked with the Leadership Alliance for the Care of Dying People addressing the recommendations from the Liverpool Care Pathway review; whilst supporting the development of systems and tools for professionals, patients and families as it's phased out.

16. Dementia Friends

150 members of BME community and 90 staff have been trained as 'Dementia Friends' in partnership with the Multicultural Arts & Medical Centre and the Alzheimer's Society.

17. Faith Groups

Faith organisations have been actively engaged towards setting a Faith in Mental Health Network.



18. Engaging seldom heard groups

We have worked with Blackburn with Darwen Healthwatch to engage groups who use health and social care services; particularly services for young people, those with disabilities and BME groups.

19. Building A New Direction (BAND)

We have supported this Bolton-based charity to raise awareness of the mechanisms which give carers a voice in the monitoring, development and delivery of mental health services.

20. Leadership Development

Recognising that clinical leadership is key to success, leaders from both the SCN and Clinical Senate have all received leadership training. Opportunities such as the 'Westminster Experience' gave insight into the political landscape and how best to navigate future policy making; 'Dementia Friends' training and working with the North West Leadership Academy on leadership development too.