

Clinical Senate Newsletter

A brief update

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Welcome from the Clinical Senate Co-chairs

It is a little belated to wish our members and stakeholders a Happy New Year. There have been changes during 2017/18 and so we wanted to update you on what has been happening and what our plans and programmes of work look like into 2018/19.

There was a gap in management at the start of 2017/18 for a number of months, which did have an impact on the running of the business. The Senate Office is in a stronger position again and so the time is now right to update you on the changes.

Emma Orrock has been seconded to the Head of Clinical Senate role since August 2017. The Head of Senate is supported by an administrator and we have been reviewing the support infrastructure in order to be able to enhance the offer to our stakeholders.

Sheila Darji, who many of you will be familiar with, will be leaving NHS England this month and will be moving to pastures new. We would like to take the opportunity to wish Sheila well and to thank her for her time with the Clinical Senate.

A Senate Administrator and a Senate Co-ordinator will be advertised shortly on NHS Jobs, which will bolster the resource in the Senate Office and will enable the Clinical Senate to be able to undertake even more clinical reviews. We are also looking at how clinical fellows can support Clinical Senate review panels.

On a more personal note, Neill will be leaving the Clinical Senate in a few months' time. Neill joined in 2015 and has thoroughly enjoyed his time with the Senate. Neill has made the decision that he can no longer commit to this role due to the focus that is required as the Medical Director at United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust. Neill wishes the Clinical Senate well in its endeavours.

Best wishes

Dr Neill Hepburn and Professor Ashley Dennison

Work Programme

STP engagement

The East Midlands Clinical Senate supports the five STPs in its patch. We have good engagement with all five – Lincolnshire; Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland; Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and; Derbyshire.

It's important that the Clinical Senate is sufficiently resourced to effectively manage the increased demand as STPs evolve. Emma Orrock has spoken to all five STP Leads/ SROs to ensure that our tailored offer of support has been effectively communicated to our stakeholders.

Clinical reviews undertaken in 2017/18

The Clinical Senate has so far undertaken a review on Corby's New Primary Care Clinical Model. This was commissioned by Corby CCG who is a constituent member of the Northamptonshire STP. The report will be published on our website once we have agreement from the sponsoring organisation.

We have also undertaken two clinical reviews for the LLR STP. The reviews looked at the LLR STP's proposals for Maternity Services and Community (Hospitals) Services. Again, the reports will be published only when we have agreement from the sponsoring organisation.

We have also sourced a number of subject matter experts who contributed to the Lincolnshire STP's Acute Service Review Clinical Summits.

We are currently scoping several pieces of work on behalf of the Northamptonshire STP.

Pro-active work

Reviewing the clinical evidence for 'multiple site single service' models of care in the East Midlands: Development of an approach to support clinical senates and commissioners

The Senate Council agreed to progress a proactive review relating to the latest clinical evidence on the topic of 'multiple site single service' models of care. The following deliverables were agreed

and the review is being led by Public Health England:

1. *Development of a clinical expert group to define the key questions for a clinical evidence review on multiple site one service models of care. The group will be chaired by Public Health England.*
2. *Literature search and clinical evidence review, either undertaken 'in house' or through 'commissioning' an independent external partner to undertake the review.*
3. *Regional or national workshop / stakeholder event to consider the experiences of other Senates in this area and to consider these models and where they have worked successfully to improve outcomes.*
4. *Final report on the clinical evidence, workshop and accompanying framework for senate(s) to utilise when considering these models.*

Annual Assembly Event

East Midlands Clinical Senate STP Engagement Event

We held our annual event on 17th November. The Clinical Senate holds an annual event for its members. The Clinical Senate holds this event primarily for these reasons:

- It provides an opportunity to act as a vehicle for health and care professionals and patient representatives to debate ideas, build consensus and make recommendations /give advice on issues that support development and transformation of health and care services
- It is a way of sharing and promoting changes and innovations – providing a space to explore implementation, impact and learning
- Networking

The Clinical Senate Council agreed that our theme for the day should focus on how we engage with and support our local STPs. A post-event pack was circulated which included:

- A copy of all the presentations from the day
- An information sheet in response to the feedback from the table discussions
- Bios for all of our speakers/ presenters

Since the event, we re-engaged with all five STP Leads to reaffirm the offer of support from the Clinical Senate. This includes but is not limited to:

- Proactive offer of support to STPs in the development of their clinical models of care
- Independent clinical reviews of STP plans for major service change as part of the NHS England Gateway Assurance process

Membership

Assembly membership

We have recently reviewed our membership. Members were invited to re-apply to be a member of the Clinical Senate Assembly, acknowledging that it is more important than ever for the Senate to be an independent clinical resource that can fully support our local health systems; with a broad range of expertise and members that are active and engaging in the process. In addition to our Senate Council membership, we have 70 Assembly members who have been confirmed until at least January 2020.

We will be shortly advertising a number of roles that have become vacant on the Senate Council.

Senate Assembly membership

Since the introduction of STPs, the Clinical Senate has made engagement with our STPs a top priority in our Work Programme.

The Clinical Senate Assembly is a diverse, multi-professional membership forum, providing a clinical resource and access to experts from the full range of health and care professions.

Clinical Senate Assembly members will be invited to participate in issues of strategic importance to improve healthcare in the East Midlands and formulate independent clinical advice. Members will work in multi-professional groups to provide their expert knowledge and opinion – clinical reviews could be virtual (desk top review) or a physical meeting based in one of our STP Footprints in the East Midlands.

Senate Assembly membership will be for two years. Your time commitment is flexible and will depend on membership of the working groups. There is likely to be an annual Assembly event to support professional development, and which promotes the role of the Clinical Senate – which will attract CPD points.

Applications are welcomed from enthusiastic and passionate health and social care professionals from all disciplines who are actively involved in healthcare delivery, and are able to command the respect of clinical and non-clinical professionals.

To apply for membership of the Clinical Senate Assembly, please send an expression of interest to england.eastmidlandsclinicalsenate@nhs.net

Please provide your name, contact details, role and employing organisation. This should be supported by a statement of no more than 500 words describing your professional background and areas of interest, as well as your reasons for applying / describing what you would bring to the Clinical Senate.

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