

# Clinical Senate Newsletter

## A brief update

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### Welcome from the Clinical Senate Chair

We hope you find this a useful way of the Clinical Senate staying in touch with our stakeholders and members. The Clinical Senate's 2018-19 work programme is under way and so we thought it would be a good opportunity to let you know what we have been doing over the last few months, and to remind STPs about the Clinical Senate's tailored offer of support. The integrity and independence of the Clinical Senate is our foremost consideration and we can provide an independent clinical opinion (which is external to the health care systems we would be reviewing) with regards to plans for service reconfiguration, and the proactive offer of support to STPs in the development of clinical models of care.

We are pleased to announce that Emma Orrock, Head of Clinical Senate, will now be joined by Senate Administrator, Lara Harrison, who starts in the Senate office on 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Senate office is also appointing a Support Manager who will be able to assist with clinical reviews.

Our commissioned work remains a priority for the Clinical Senate and is our core business, although we will be undertaking further pro-active work in 2018-19, which should be useful to the health care systems that we support.

We have been fortunate enough to appoint 6 Clinical Fellows who will be working for the Clinical Senate on a sessional basis for 12 months starting on 4<sup>th</sup> June:

- Elizabeth Gonzalez Malaga is a StR in Special Care Dentistry at Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Rebecca Hall is a GP partner at Charnwood Community Medical Group
- Lucy Gavens is a Specialty Registrar in Public Health at Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Chris Miller is ST7 Year in Geriatric Medicine and General Internal Medicine at Leicester

Royal Infirmary

- Eyad Issa is NIHR Clinical Lecturer in HPB Surgery and a Surgical Registrar at the University of Leicester
- Remi Popoola is a Senior Physiotherapist at Danetre Hospital, Daventry

We are also pleased to announce that Julie Attfield, Executive Director of Nursing at Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and member of the Clinical Senate Council, was appointed as the vice-chair and will be supporting the senate's priorities and programme of work for the next 12 months.

Please do get in touch to discuss your requirements for 2018-19. We have clearly strengthened our offer and capacity to be able to support STPs with independent and external clinical validation of proposals.

Emma Orrock is available to offer further support and guidance.

Best wishes

**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.

### Clinical reviews undertaken in 2017/18

Due to a gap in management in the Senate office, our work programme did not fully start until August 2017. We completed three clinical reviews and supported Lincolnshire STP's clinical summits:

- Resetting Health Care in Corby
- Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland STP Maternity Services
- Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland STP Community Services

*“As the SRO for West Leicestershire CCG’s Hinckley and Bosworth Community Services Redesign work, I recently requested that the East Midlands Clinical Senate undertake a review of our proposals to redesign local services. I have had previous experience of using the NCAT process for clinical service redesign work but this was my first experience of the East Midlands Clinical Senate as part of the NHSE Assurance Processes for Service Redesign. The opportunity to share*

*our project aims and objectives with a team of impartial clinicians was invaluable and has provided an independent assessment of the appropriateness of our plans.”*

## **Clinical reviews undertaken in 2018/19**

The Clinical Senate was commissioned by Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust on behalf of the Northamptonshire Health and Care Partnership, to provide a strategic sense check of Northamptonshire’s emerging new pathway and model for intermediate care services.

The Clinical Senate is currently scoping further clinical reviews for the Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire STPs, and will be reviewing further plans of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland STP in July, 2018.

## **Pro-active work**

### **The public health role in NHS service reconfigurations: Reviewing the evidence base on 'multiple site single service' models of care in the East Midlands**

#### Introduction

In the East Midlands, and elsewhere in England, it is notable that plans for service reconfiguration proposed in recent Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) have included options for a greater degree of ‘networked’ clinical services which are delivered across more than one clinical site and/or tertiary centre, often in differing geographical locations or towns.

Increasingly, the rationale for such models include the difficult and often conflicting balance between exacerbating inequalities in access to clinical services for patients whilst at the same time trying to improve quality and outcomes through consolidating services and teams at centres of excellence.

#### Methods

PHE in partnership with the East Midlands Clinical Senate are leading a four staged approach to develop a framework to support clinical senates and STPs which has included:

1. Establishment of a clinical expert group chaired by PHE which has defined the key questions for a clinical evidence review on multiple site one service models of care
2. Undertaken a systematic review in partnership with PHE libraries team to understand the evidence base
3. Planning of national events to consider the experiences of other clinical 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

## Results and Conclusions

Results from the systematic review will be available for the PHE conference alongside further details of the national approach to stakeholder events. This follows a presentation of initial findings to the national Senate Chairs network and national NHS England Medical Director in May 2018.

## Website

The Clinical Senate website has been refreshed and can be found here: <http://emsenate.nhs.uk/>

## Membership

### Assembly membership

We have adopted a further 16 members onto our Clinical Senate Assembly. Given the increasing volume of clinical reviews and their variation, we would encourage our new and existing members who have not yet had the opportunity to participate in a clinical review panel, to keep a look out for what is coming up over the next few months.

The Clinical Senate membership role is an active one where we call on our clinicians to participate in clinical reviews from time to time. It is our members who make the Clinical Senate a success. Whilst this is a voluntary role, it does bring benefits to both the individual and the organisation:

- Greater oversight of health and care systems' service reconfiguration, and the development of clinical models and changes to pathways of care
- The Clinical Senate annual Assembly event attracts CPD points
- Participation in clinical reviews contributes to CPD and learning
- An important opportunity to work at a strategic level and to be closely involved in the clinical leadership agenda

### Senate Assembly membership – how to apply

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](mailto: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.

## Get in touch

If you have any questions or comments on this newsletter or if you can suggest content to feature in a future edition please contact:

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