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Dear All,

Re: Bi-Monthly Assurance checkpoint meeting summary

Thank you for attending the bi-monthly assurance checkpoint meeting on 23 November 2018. Firstly, we wanted to congratulate you all for your hard work and the way in which you have responded so quickly to the ask from NHS England in support of Primary Care and Care Home work.

We confirmed that the format of the agenda had changed to reflect the Joint Commissioning Team working and that going forward there would be a separate checkpoint meeting with them to focus on acute trust performance. However, it was stressed that the acute trust still cover the patient population for the CCGs so there maybe instances when some constitutional standards will still be discussed in this forum.

Another good patient story was shared at the beginning of the meeting, which set the scene for a truly patient centred discussion – thank you.

This letter provides a summary of the items discussed as well as identifying areas of strength and where improvement is needed from the bi-monthly assurance checkpoint meeting. A separate action log has been produced and can found in Appendix 1.

The CCG highlights were reviewed, which included the removal of directions, ceasing of NHSE escalation meetings, on track to deliver financial control targets and delivery of the Dementia standard – reflecting the good progress being made by both CCGs. The challenges for the CCGs were also discussed, the areas identified were non-electives admissions up by 6%, areas of underperformance (recovery plans are in place), winter pressures and delivery of the Improvement Plan.

Key Areas of Strength/ Areas of good practice:

- AO/CFO taking the lead for the STP on Innovation
- Progress made by the eight localities across the two CCGs and that they are now working closely and progressing plans
- Quality Awards – initiative run by the CCGs which was well attended and received excellent feedback

- Progress made against CCG control totals
- Constitutional standards - Dementia – the Castle Point and Rochford CCG was congratulated on their progress

Key Areas of challenge / Areas that require improvement:

- LeDeR Programme – there are still issues with this programme, but it was noted that three reviewers have been recruited. There is a backlog of eighty cases and recovery is expected in March 2019
- Transforming Care – priority for the CCGs is to commission a seamless service for younger people
- Ensuring the appointment of an adult safeguarding lead
- Growth in the waiting list at Southend Hospital and the level of potential financial risk as all patients will need to be treated in year
- Constitutional standards:
 - CCGs to look to move to a Level 3/4 EIP service as soon as possible
 - IAPT – a recovery plan to be submitted
 - Eating Disorders – ongoing issues, although Q2 data has improved. A recovery plan has been requested from West Essex CCG

Thank you for your CCG's contribution to delivering the *Five Year Forward View*, and your focus on making improvements for local people.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl. Appendix 1