Chair’s welcome

Spring has certainly arrived and I hope you had a lovely Easter. For those of you who had some time off, I hope you enjoyed the break. I know many of you were working as usual and I would like to express my sincere thanks for your dedication.

Some really good news updates for those who were unable to attend the GP forum on 15 April. Firstly, we achieved the Quality premium targets in 2013/14, Brent was awarded £1.037M in December 2014 to spend on improving outcomes and reducing inequalities in 2015/16. It has been agreed that the funds for this year will be used in the following clinical areas:

- **IAPT** – to help achieve targets
- **Medicines Management Service to Care Homes** – to improve medicines utilisation for vulnerable patients
- **Clinical Audits** – to identify areas of performance that require intervention/improvement
- **Wound care** initiative is currently being discussed/scoped – improve access for patients and reduce usage at Walk in Centres, Urgent Care Centres and A&E

We also **met our targets in Quarter 4 for IAPT access and dementia**, and we need to try to sustain this in 2015/16.

Also, **GP Access Hubs** have now gone live; and were open every day over the bank holiday weekend. We are reviewing utilisation to ensure resources are being targeted.

**A big thank you for all your hard work.**

Dr Ethie Kong – Chair, Brent CCG
GP Forum Update

GP newsletter

It was a great turn out at the GP forum with over 80 attendees. A GP newsletter survey was carried out at the beginning of the meeting and the results were collated and presented on the night. Thank you to those who participated, your views are valued and have been taken on board. A total of 40 practices participated and the majority said that they were:

- Very/quite satisfied with the current newsletter
- Found it very/quite useful
- Very/quite satisfied with the content
- Did not want to change the current format
- Very/quite satisfied with the email format
- Would however, prefer it to be published on a quarterly basis instead of monthly
- Would like short and concise updates

As most of you said you preferred a quarterly newsletter, the next one will be published in July. If you would like to see the results in more detail please email renata.chavda@nhs.net.

Locality Commissioning Delivery Plans 2015-16

We have collated all feedback from the GP forum and are in the process of writing templates for localities. The Locality Allowance Scheme is now being developed to support delivery of locality plans. These will be sent back to localities shortly for further development.

Results of the co-commissioning votes

Each CCG held a membership ballot and governing body vote on co-commissioning.

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Please see below the leads from Brent CCG:

- Ethie Kong, Chair, Brent CCG
- Rob Larkman, Chief Officer, Brent CCG
- Jonathan Wise, Chief Finance Officer, Brent CCG
- Ciedu Obuaya, Secondary care consultant
- Ursula Gallagher, Nurse representative
- Tom Challenor, Lay member, Audit committee
- Lindsey Wishart, Lay Member, QIPP and Transformation

NHS Brent CCG news

Brent’s spinal service review

Brent CCG is currently reviewing the spinal pathway. There was a training workshop on 23 April to gather patients’ views on how to improve this service. Further information to follow.

Whole Systems Integrated Care Phases 1 and 2

In 2015/16 ICP will be known as WSIC Phase 1 and the work in early adopters in Harness and Kilburn will be known WSIC Phase Two. The WSIC Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) has been sent to all practices, do remember to sign and return. More information can be found at [http://integration.healthiernorthwestlondon.nhs.uk/resources](http://integration.healthiernorthwestlondon.nhs.uk/resources)

Notification of a Practice Merger

NHS England has approved the merger of Primary Care Medical Centre and Stag Lane Medical Centre from 1 July 2015. Stag Lane is part of the Kingsbury GP Access Hubs.
Primary Care Infrastructure Fund – first tranche of investment

Over 1,000 GP practices across the country have had bids approved for funding in principle as part of the Primary Care Infrastructure Fund. The funding will help to improve premises to benefit both patients and professionals working in primary care. In Brent we have had 13 bids approved.

For more information and referral forms for the programme (called “Sowing the Seeds”) contact Miss Dannie Darko on 020 8382 8013 or ddarko@stlukes-hospice.org.

IT & Communications

Emergency On-call for GP Practices

To support the 7-day working service, the out of hours IT support help-desk arrangement has now been extended to a 24/7 Emergency On-Call for GP Practices and will begin officially on 1 May 2015. The number to call for practices will be 020 350 4050.

Generic Email Address

With the closure of the NHS E-Fax facility some acute services are proposing to send emails directly to the practices generic NHS mail accounts. It is expected that all practices should have one generic email address to receive clinical information regarding the patient and to manage this inbox accordingly (i.e. reviewing this at least once each day and actioning) to be fail-safe. The hospital should be using your generic email only.

New E-Referral Service

Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) has announced that on 15 June 2015 the New E-referral Service will be launched to replace the Choose and Book Service. Brent CCG will be supporting practices in the transition to the new service.

Carers

BRENT CARERS CENTRE can support you in meeting GMS contract and Brent CCG Carers LES requirements. Please contact Odeta at Brent Carers Centre if you need extra help, information or advice about how to support carers in your practices. Recent visits to GP practices showed that GPs would prefer to have the Brent Carers Centre referral form electronically. You can find it at the Brent Carers Centre website www.brentcarerscentre.org.uk Tel: 020 8795 6240 Email: email@brentcarerscentre.org.uk

New programme for palliative care

St Luke’s Hospice has launched a new programme to introduce end stage non-cancer patients living in Brent or Harrow to the concept of palliative care.
Goodbye and best wishes to our leavers

We would like to thank Annabelle Leandre, Lynn Snowden, Siobhan McCormack and Allison Springate for all their contributions to the CCG over the months/years. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

Welcome to our joiners

A warm welcome to:

- Craig Ajimuda - Learning Disabilities and Adult Mental Health Commissioner
- Yvonne Hersevoor - Locality Support Manager, Wembley
- James Power - Whole System Project Support Officer
- Sandra Sam-Yorke - Locality Team Administrator

We would like to congratulate Renata Chavda on her new role as Primary Care Project Manager.

Dates for your diary

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

NHS Brent CCG Governing Body
Date: 1 July 2015
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Boardroom, Wembley Centre for Health and Care
For more information, contact Jenny Campbell, CCG Business Manager, at jenny.campbell2@nhs.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brent CCG Member Practice Forum
Date: 15 July 2015, 6.00–8.30pm
Venue: Sattavis Patidar Centre

Brent Practice Managers Forum
Date: 7 August 2015, 8.45–1.30pm
Venue: Vale Farm Medical Centre – Room 3

Some useful links

Emergency Ambulatory Care 07775 778 343

GP News
Current and past editions of GP News can be found in the ‘Healthcare Professionals’ section on the London Ambulance Service
http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/health_professionals/gp_information/gp_news.aspx

GP LOCALITY MEETINGS

Kilburn GP locality meeting
Date: 28 May, 5 June, 30 July 2015
Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Venue: St Agnes Church
For more information, contact Grace Dyer, Locality Support Manager for Kilburn at: gracedyer@nhs.net

Wembley GP locality meeting
Date: Tuesday, 19 May, 16 June 2015
Time: 1.00–3.00 pm
Venue: Sudbury Primary Care
For more information, contact Yvonne Hersevoor Locality Support Manager for Wembley at: yvonne.hersevoort@nhs.net

Harness GP locality meeting
Date: 6 May, 10 June, 8 July 2015
Time: 1.15–3.30 pm
Venue: Boardroom, Hillside Primary Care Centre, 150 Hilltop Avenue, Harlesden, NW10 8RY
For more information, contact Raschelle Reittie, Locality Support Manager for Harness at: raschelle.reittie@nhs.net

Kingsbury and Willesden GP locality meeting
Date: 28 May, 25 June 2015
Time: 1.00–3.00 pm
Venue: Sattavis Patidar Centre
For more information, contact Rushda Butt, Locality Support Manager for Kingsbury at: r.butt@nhs.net